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Spies: Cold War by Britain, says Moscow

'Serious' results

By JOHN MOSSMAN in Moscow

USSIA, in a first public comment on the mass expulsion from London of Soviet diplomats and officials for spying, accused the British Government last night of lapsing back into the Cold War.

A statement by Tass, the Soviet official news agency, denounced the British Press for "fanning spy mania" and dismissed the spying charges as "deliberately false accusations."

But while the statement said that the Foreign Office had made allegations "without any proof," it did not specifically refer to spying charges against Russians in London.

Neither did it mention that Mr. Apollonov, the Charge d'Affaires, was summoned to the Foreign Office to be told that 90 of the 550

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Russian diplomats and officials must leave London within two weeks, and that 15 others were being denied re-entry.

Instead, the Moscow criticism was made in the form of an attack on the British Press. The agency said: "The fabrication of deliberately false accusations against a group of members of Soviet institutions in London and the anti-Soviet hysteria whipped up in this connection cannot be explained as anything other than an endeavour by British Conservative circles to hamper, at all costs, the process of relaxation of tension which has been evident in Europe."

European embassies have been told by the British Government that the Common Market could lead to the creation of a European defence force in which West Germany would play a dominant role.

Plans have been drawn up by the British Government for the integration of the member states of an Common Market. This, it is said, would be done by a Commission of the institutions for integration in the Common Market.

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MRS. MARY WHITEHOUSE and Mr. Malcolm Muggeridge leading the Festival of Light rally against moral pollution in Trafalgar Square yesterday. (Another picture—Back Page).

SILENT MAJORITY FINDS A VOICE FOR MORALITY

By J. W. M. THOMPSON

THE Silent Majority found its voice in Trafalgar Square yesterday, and a loud, boisterous self-confident voice it proved to be.

WORLD TRADE WAR WARNING

By Our Staff Correspondent in Washington

THE dangers of a trade war between the major industrial nations if the American surcharge on imports remains in force for too long was touched on yesterday by M. Pierre-Paul Schweitzer, managing director of the International Monetary Fund.

"What I am urging is that there should be, as promptly as possible, a realignment of currencies which would have as its counterpart the elimination of the surcharge," he said. "I would hate to see a situation in which the surcharge would remain in effect for a year or two or so."

As time went on, the difference between countries safeguarding their own positions and actively retaliating against the Americans might become very narrow.

Mr. Schweitzer was speaking at a Press conference on the eve of the meetings in Washington of the I.M.F. and the World Bank. So far, the Americans have stubbornly refused to commit themselves to defining in what circumstances they would end the surcharge, which has put a protective barrier around their own industries.

Mr. Schweitzer emphasised once again that an American devaluation would certainly make the situation much more easy.

L.M.F. Jamboree—P.26

New post for French envoy

By Our Staff Correspondent in Paris

M. Geoffrey de Courcel, the French Ambassador in London, is to be recalled to Paris next year to take over as Secretary-General of the Foreign Ministry.

The post is now held by M. Hervé Alphand, who is retiring.

M. Jacques de Beaumarchais, head of the Foreign Ministry's Political Affairs Department, is expected to go to the London Embassy. M. de Courcel has been in London since 1962.

ROLLS-ROYCE OVER CLIFF

An £8,000 Rolls-Royce saloon was found by coastguards wrecked at the bottom of a 350ft. cliff at St. Margaret's Bay, Kent, yesterday. The car was stolen from Clapham on Wednesday night.

GANG FORGES PREMIUM BONDS: LOOT OF £118,000

By PETER GLADSTONE SMITH

A GANG operating inside and outside the "Ernie" Premium Savings Bonds headquarters have carried out a £118,000 cash fraud on the Department for National Savings.

They forged 118 £1,000 premium bonds. Within two days they cashed them at post offices in the London area.

But the forged documents which made the fraud possible were master-minded inside the Ernie headquarters at Lytham St. Annes, Lancs.

Scotland Yard's fraud squad, Lancashire police and the investigation branches of the Post Office Corporation and Department for National Savings have been called in. But the men behind the great bonds fraud have not yet been identified.

No fraud in draw

Yesterday a spokesman of the Department, which is responsible to the Treasury, said the loss did not affect the prize money in any way. There was no suggestion of fraud in the Ernie draw.

If the criminals were not discovered and the money recovered the loss would be borne by the Treasury. The gang defrauded the department with skillfully forged premium savings bonds, each with a face value of £1,000.

They also forged authorisations to pay which were sent out from the headquarters to post offices in the London area. First of all they applied for repayment of premium savings bonds with the forms and envelopes obtainable at any post office.

Although the bonds were forged the authorisations for payment then went out. Members of the gang then quickly visited post offices, handed the bonds over the counter 118 times and each time walked away with £1,000.

The counter clerks only had a few minutes to look at the bonds, and did not notice they lacked the crown watermark. Two more attempts were made, but alert clerks rejected the bonds. The fraud was then discovered at the headquarters.

Watermark warning

But for the discovery the gang might have cashed thousands of pounds more in forged bonds. Every post office has now been warned to examine bonds carefully for the watermark, crown and words "State security" before paying out.

Investigators realise the conspiracy could not have been carried out without inside help. There will be a manhunt and suspicion until the guilty men are found.

An airline spokesman said yesterday, "We found that we were one passenger too many but as time was getting on and the aircraft had to be off we made inquiries during the flight. Officials were waiting for the boy at Malta and he was put on the first flight back to London."

The spokesman added: "He must have been bright lad. It's not an easy job getting on to an aircraft like that and getting all the way to Malta."

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Sunday Telegraph Reporter

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Egypt shops for British naval arms

By DESMOND WETTER, Naval Correspondent

THE Egyptian Navy is considering buying arms from Britain. For the first time since the 1956 Suez operation, it is believed, an Egyptian naval mission has been visiting Britain to talk with arms manufacturers.

An Egyptian admiral and another officer spent three days at the naval equipment exhibition at Greenwich Royal Naval College last week. They were particularly interested in sonar submarine detection systems, fast patrol boats, air defence radar and tactical radio communications.

Shy and nervous

At Greenwich the Egyptian officers were often mingling in the large crowd with an Israeli Service Mission which is also seeking to buy British arms. Later at a dinner in the Royal Naval College, both the Egyptians and the Israelis were present.

In some cases the Egyptians asked to see classified equipment not on display. They were politely turned down.

"They did not seem upset," a spokesman for a major electronics company told me. "The admiral seemed a very shy and nervous man."

I understand that the visit is

largely due to the recent effort by Sir Alec Douglas Home, Foreign Secretary, to improve Anglo-Egyptian relations.

It is thought in Whitehall that the possibility of the Egyptians buying arms in this country may be a kind of quid pro quo for their likely agreement to pay compensation to British citizens whose property was seized in 1956.

Missile boats

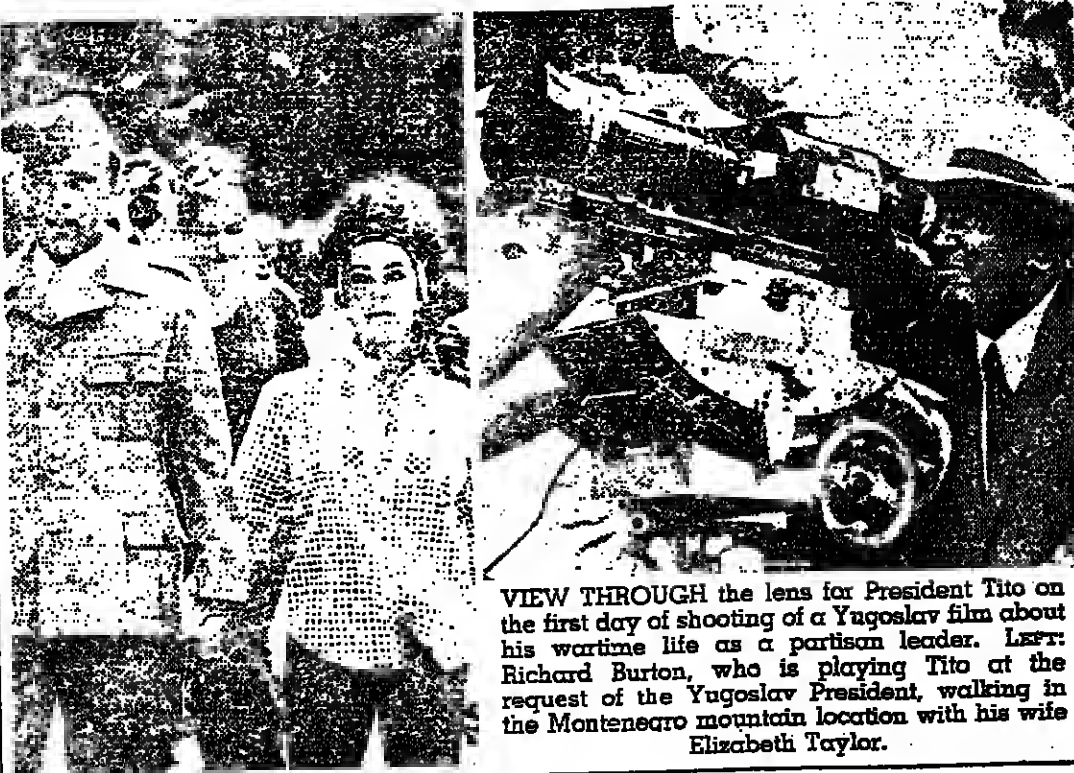
What is particularly surprising is that the Egyptians should be permitted to buy Western equipment. All three of their services are now almost entirely Russian-equipped.

Their interest in British sonar, the most advanced in the world, is not surprising. Naval intelligence officers have long known that with some systems the Royal Navy is 10 years ahead of anything the Russians have, let alone anything they might supply to the Egyptians.

On the other hand their interest in British-designed fast missile boats is somewhat surprising. It was nominally Egyptian fast missile boats, believed to be Russian-manoeuvred, which sank the Israeli destroyer *Eilat* in 1967.

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Tito watches Burton playing Tito



VIEW THROUGH the lens for President Tito on the first day of shooting of a Yugoslav film about his wartime life as a partisan leader. Left: Richard Burton, who is playing Tito at the request of the Yugoslav President, walking in the Montenegro mountain location with his wife Elizabeth Taylor.

BREZHNEV CALLS AT BUDAPEST

By Our Correspondent in Belgrade

MR. BREZHNEV, the Soviet party leader, arrived in Budapest, Hungary, yesterday after a flight from Belgrade at the end of his four-day visit to Yugoslavia. He is also to visit Bulgaria today on his way back to Moscow.

President Tito, who was at Belgrade airport to see Mr. Brezhnev off, said in a speech: "I think our talks will be in the future of great importance for further development of our co-operation and friendship."

"We finished a big task in the spirit of friendship. In the talks we have settled several things accumulated for many years and made a path for further co-operation and also decided that we would not let any element come in our way."

TALKS 'NECESSARY'

In his reply Mr. Brezhnev emphasised that he agreed with Marshal Tito that their talks had been "necessary and successful". They were carried out in an atmosphere of friendship and confidence.

Mr. Brezhnev added: "The documents which were signed express the principles and the strong basis on which should lie firm co-operation between the two countries."

One of the documents reaffirmed that Yugoslavia enjoys its own "sovereignty and freedom". The two leaders declared their "closeness of approach" and condemned the "aggression" of the United States in Indo-China and of Israel in the Middle East.

Poll favours the good life

By Our Staff Correspondent in New York

One in eight Americans would like to emigrate if given the chance, according to a Gallup Poll. But Americans as a whole continue to expect a high degree of satisfaction with the basic circumstances of their lives.

The survey showed that a large majority is satisfied with jobs, income, housing and education, as well as the quality of life in their communities and their future. At the same time, however, satisfaction with jobs, income and housing has declined somewhat in the last two years.

The proportion satisfied with their jobs has declined from 67 per cent in a 1969 survey to 61 per cent today. In the case of income, the decline has been from 65 per cent to 62 per cent.

CHOLERA CHECK

The Italian Health Ministry announced yesterday that travellers arriving from Portugal must have cholera vaccinations. Four cases have been reported in the Lisbon area—U.P.I.

U.S. move gives Rhodesia hope

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION in Salisbury, Rhodesia

THE American Senate's move to lift the embargo on Rhodesian chrome could have a major impact on the negotiations between Britain and Mr. Ian Smith's Government.

The Rhodesian Government is maintaining silence. Officials, however, have been unable to suppress their hopes that this crack in the sanctions wall will lead to widespread rejection of the United Nations embargo.

The removal of sanctions is the key to British bargaining position in the Anglo-Rhodesian talks. There is speculation in Salisbury that the chrome move may influence Mr. Smith to take a less compromising line than he has so far with Lord Goodman's missions.

Both sides want a settlement. Mr. Goodman commented the Rhodesian *Reverend* yesterday: "Full recognition as a legal

Nixon flies to Son of Heaven

By DAVID ADAMSON in Washington

PRESIDENT NIXON flew north to Alaska yesterday to meet the Emperor Hirohito of Japan as, for the first time in history, a reigning Son of Heaven sets foot on foreign soil.

It was a tardily decided courtesy dictated to the President by the chilly realities of the worst internal crisis faced by the post-war system of Western alliances.

The Emperor is on his way to a Europe whose Finance Ministers are in Washington for the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

For the Americans and the Japanese the crucial question is what price they are prepared to pay to maintain American power in its pivotal position at the heart of the alliance.

French warning

One nation, France, always a hostile sceptic about American power, has already warned Washington through its President, M. Pompidou, that it will not support exorbitant concessions of power to the Americans at the I.M.F. meeting.

The concessions demanded by the American Treasury Secretary, Mr. Connally, who he marked out the United States positions in London just over a week ago, amount to the creation of a new international monetary system which would ensure profitable solvency for the Americans.

On Thursday, speaking in Detroit, Mr. Nixon promised that the United States would be strong and firm but not belligerent.

There was no undertaking that the 10 per cent surcharge on imports would be quickly removed, nor any hint that the dollar might be devalued to help the Europeans and the Japanese.

Trudeau's concern

For the Europeans and the Japanese the economic crisis means decisions before long on how much of the American expenditure on the defence of the West they should pick up, and how far they should go in neutralizing a détente with the Communist countries.

Two countries, Canada and West Germany, have already moved ahead of the others into positions which a year or two ago would have been almost inconceivable.

Last week, Mr. Trudeau, the Canadian Prime Minister, said in a speech that on the whole a temperate discussion of the problem, that Americans do not "know very much or care much about Canada". He gave warning that Canada might have to make a fundamental reassessment of her economy.

In the middle of next month Canada will receive a return visit from Mr. Kosygin, the Russian Prime Minister, for the one paid by Mr. Trudeau. It will be another sign of Canada's movement towards a more independent and neutralist position.

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BANDA IS GOOD FOR PORTUGAL

By BRUCE LOUDON

IN Quelimane, Mozambique, the visit by President Hastings Banda of Malawi to the controversial Cahora Bassa dam project in a guerrilla-infested war area of Mozambique has given a major boost to sagging Portuguese morale.

His visit to Mozambique has brought unmitigated joy to his hosts at a time when they need it, especially in relation to Cahora Bassa.

The project is more and more depicted as the cornerstone of Portugal's determination to stay on and fight in Africa.

It is known that in the week before President Banda came to Mozambique, the Portuguese were seriously concerned about his visit to the dam site. There had been a stepping up of Communist-backed guerrillas in the area.

GUERRILLAS ROUTED

In what appears to have been a massive minelaying thrust, insurgents blew up several civilian vehicles in the frontier district of Tete where Cahora Bassa is situated.

Only hours before Banda was due to land at a military airbase near Tete guerrillas attempting to mount mortars on an overlooking hill were routed.

President Banda continued plans to visit the area and insisted on going to the breach in the gorge of Cahora Bassa itself.

Banda explained in reference to the huge guerrilla minelaying operation: "I was born a little naughty boy—even when I was just a little child my mother had great difficulty in controlling me. Since neither she nor my grandmother could control me, do you think people who put a little toy from Peking or Moscow in the way could stop me going to Tete?"

Dean waits for verdict

By Our Staff Correspondent in Pretoria

The verdict in the trial of the Angolan man of Rhodesia, the Very Rev. Gonville French-Beytagh, 58, is unlikely to be given for at least a month.

Counsel's final speeches will be made at the end of this week. But Judge Cilliers has volumes of evidence to review. Although the South African Security Police took two years to mount the case against the Dean, many courtroom observers believe he will be freed and promptly deported to Britain.

Freedom for 'The Devils'

By Our Correspondent in Rome

An examining magistrate in Italy has completely cleared the banned British film, "The Devils", of charges alleging that it is "obscene" and "viciously religious". The controversial film will now be released again for general showing all over Italy within a few days—uncut.

All copies of "The Devils", which had been playing to a standing room only audience in six Italian cities were impounded on September 16

Sir Robert Birley, Nestor of H.M.s

FOURTEEN headmasters dined in Oxford last week to express both a personal and a professional debt of gratitude to a fifteenth—Sir Robert Birley, headmaster of Charterhouse from 1935 to 1947, and of Eton from 1949 to 1963.

All except one was either a boy or an assistant master during Birley's headmastership. Oliver Van Clee (Charterhouse), David Graham Campbell (Glenalmond), Wyndham Milligan (formerly Radley), Stephen McWatters (Clifton), Sir William Gladstone (formerly Lancing), Brian Rees (Merchant Taylors'), Martyn Devenport (Victoria College, Jersey), and the host at the dinner, Henry Christie (Brighton).

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Made good

Canon R. G. Lunt (King Edward's, Birmingham) and W. B. Cook (Durham) were boys at Eton, one when Birley was an assistant master, the other when he was Head Master.

Two more, Michael Hoban (Harrow) and David Rotherham (Whitgift), were boys at Charterhouse during Birley's headmastership. Alan R. C. Fletcher (Worcester College for the Blind) served under him there as a master.

Three other headmasters with similar associations were invited but could not attend: Alan Barker (The Leys School), Michael Birley (Eton) and Brian Young (formerly Charterhouse and now director-general of the I.T.A.).

No speeches were made at the dinner. But in replying to the toast of his health, Sir Robert gave three in return—Eton, Charterhouse and "Gott' Hilfe Deutschland!"

Flemish painters

I COMMENTED the latest Royal Academy exhibition of nine Flemish painters, 1880-1950, in spite of having received a prelatious notice that reads: "This new and striking tradition has tended the frontiers of contemporary sensibility."

The most striking work is by Henri Rousseau, who died from typhus in 1893

ALBANY at large



Louise, by Evenspool

notice in a London bus" (Fr. Peter Levi, S.J.). —From the current number of *Twentieth Century*, devoted entirely to Oxford.

Seats of power

WHEN the Queen pays a State visit to Thailand in February she will see that very rare phenomenon—a good bargain made by the British Government.

It is our Embassy in Bangkok, a handsome compound of buildings standing amid fine trees on the edge of a city, most of which is as noisy and unlovely as Los Angeles.

Until 1923, the embassy was in the centre of Bangkok hemmed in by buildings and traffic. In the year it was sold for £110,000 and has since become the site of the main post office.

To much criticism, a new British Embassy was put up on the outskirts of the capital surrounded by rice fields. The site, and the buildings together cost exactly £110,000.

On a humbler plane, the Queen will also see—indeed she cannot avoid seeing—another British institution. It is a large factory recently put up near Bangkok airport.

Big letters it proudly proclaims: "Shanks Sanitary Ware."

Western windows

DURING the tour of China from which they returned last week, both Anthony Wedgwood Benn and his wife brought back home thoughts from abroad.

Tombing the Ming tombs in the hills outside Peking, they came on another party of visitors—engineers from John Brown and International Combustion, who had been negotiating a deal for industrial gas turbines.

And walking through a factory in Shanghai a couple of days later, Carol Wedgwood Benn noticed a machine bearing the name of the Cincinnati Milling Machine Co.

Cincinnati is her home town, and her brother-in-law works for the firm.

Crumbling spires

"FILTHY young men in historic halls; I suppose Attilla's Huns looked like this as they stabled their horses in some great temple or palace."

"The only people I knew in Oxford I disliked, though not, it turned out, as much as they disliked me." (Prof. John Vaisey.)

"... a generation ago when Harold Wilson and Selwyn Lloyd were leading figures in the Liberal Association at Oxford and Cambridge respectively." (Monty Woodhouse, M.P.)

"When the undergraduate does have contact with the Cowley car-worker, it is probably for the commercial transaction of cash for drugs." (David Jessel.)

"Most of the work of the university is done by plain sensible people you would not

P.M.'s perks

MR. HEATH yesterday spoke at Scarborough for the first time since March, 1969. On that occasion, Leader of the Opposition, he told Mr. Oswald, a local Conservative party plane.

After dining in Oxford the night before, he had driven to London, caught the 1.15 a.m. train to Leeds arriving at 5 a.m., then motored to Scarborough. "We have no Conservative party plane."

For a Prime Minister, things are arranged differently. On Friday he flew to open a Royal Signals trade training school at Caterick, spent the night at the York-Kiln station, and after the meeting flew back to London.

Both air journeys were made in an R.A.F. plane.

Wig on the green

AMID all the hullo that greeted Leonard Bernstein's "Mass" at the opening of the Kennedy Arts Centre in Washington, one member of the audience kept her head.

Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Lodge, 87-year-old daughter of President Theodore Roosevelt, said: "I liked 'Hair' better."

Kenneth Rose

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Parents get more school fees aid

By NICHOLAS BAGNALL, Education Correspondent

PARENTS who pay fees to send their children to direct grant grammar schools can expect a welcome concession next month from Thatcher, Secretary of State for Education.

present they are s-tested on a scale starts at under £500. Those whose income is sed above this have to paying.

de more than 1,000 of schools 40,000 fee-pay-ups get full remission: average £150 fee.

Thatcher is expected to this means test threshold.



is nearly 20 years old ears no relation to present-comes. The schools then-say the scale gives a false

impression of the social back-ground of their parents. The schools are also hoping that, at the same time Mrs. Thatcher will announce similar subsidies for boarding pupils. Their parents at present get no remission at all, paying an average of about £350 a year.

Mrs. Thatcher promised to "accelerate" the 177 direct grant schools soon after she took office and has repeated the pledge since. They include such famous schools as Manchester, Bristol and grammar schools; Alleyn's School in Dulwich and the North London Collegiate School.

The public schools in the Headmasters' Conference, of which 58 are direct grant, regard the concession on boarding as an important sign that Mrs. Thatcher really cares about links between the State and private sectors of education.

Half get grants

More than half the direct grant schools pupils have their fees paid for them out of local education authority funds.

A further likely concession is the restoration of the cut in the Government grants. This cut was made by the Labour Government, and the per capita grant now stands at £52 per pupil.

Some of the schools, however, would regard this concession as a doubtful gift. The greater their reliance on State funds, they say, the riskier they would be for a takeover if Labour got back to power.

leath to hold policies review

By IAN WALLER, Political Correspondent

THE Prime Minister is to hold a special all-day conference of senior ministers at Chequers next month to carry out a comprehensive review of the Government's economic and social policies.

Its purpose will be to assess the results of Conservative policies after 18 months of power and to chart the way ahead.

Mr. Heath announced this at Scarborough yesterday and what he obviously has in mind is something comparable to the pre-election meeting at Seaford Park which laid down the strategy that led to victory last year.

The choice of October 8—just a week before the Conservative party's annual conference—suggests that Mr. Heath may also be anxious to forestall criticism of the Government from constituency representatives at the conference.

IMPACT OF JOBLESS

Party officials and many Conservative M.P.s are becoming very uneasy about the impact of rising prices and mounting unemployment, and the failure of the Government to impress the country that its policies are working. The effect of this is evident in the opinion polls and in by-elections.

The point is certain to be driven home still more firmly in next Thursday's by-election at Macclesfield. At best the Conservatives expect to hold this traditional Conservative seat by a narrow majority and a Labour victory is not ruled out.

The most remarkable feature of Mr. Heath's speech was the absence, apart from one passing reference, of any comment on the unemployment situation or any indication of what the Government proposes doing about what could be a political disaster for the Conservatives—particularly if the level reaches a million by the end of the year.

LEGACY FROM LABOUR

Mr. Heath attributed the rise in prices and unemployment to the legacy inherited from Labour, of excessive government spending, inflation and welfare strikes. But the political reality, as Conservative M.P.s are becoming increasingly aware of, is that the electorate is more concerned with the present and future than the past.

Mr. Wilson, the Opposition Leader, launched a scathing attack on Mr. Heath in a speech on unemployment at Luton last night. He accused the Government of "cynical complacency" and added: "But from Mr. Heath, living as ever in his private cloud, there is no action, no concern."

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SOTHEY'S TO SUE CRITIC

Sunday Telegraph Reporter

Mr. Richard Buckle, the ballet critic and writer, is being sued by Sotheby's, the London auctioneers, for £5,020 for ballet costumes bought at a 1969 auction.

In a High Court writ Sotheby's claim that Mr. Buckle, 55, of Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, bought items for £7,520 and has paid only £2,500.

£25,000 WINNER

The £25,000 Premium Bond prize was won yesterday by bond number 7XL 476783. The winner lives in London.

AWOL mascot caught



STERN LOOKS passing between Fred the falcon, mascot of the R.A.F. free-fall parachute team, the Falcons, and his handler, Sgt. Bob Souter. Fred was back at R.A.F. Abingdon, Berks. after going absent for a week. He was picked up by two boys in Wales.

T.A. STALKS MEN

By R. H. GREENFIELD

TERRITORIAL Army recruiters are now stalking their quarry into his own coverts. Under a new scheme to advertise in specialist journals, Scottish readers are liable to find recruiting "advertisements" tucked in among details of artful clerks, bullock calves or pedigree gundogs.

A spokesman for the Highland Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve Association said they were advertising for officers in publications including the *Scottish Law Times*, *Farming Leader*, *Scottish Field*, and the *Civil Service Opinion*.

With the recent expansion of the T.A., we need officers in some of the less populous areas," he said. "We decided to look for the young professional man moving into the Highlands and wondering what to do in his spare time."

Other T.A. associations are equally enterprising. The London Territorials who hoisted a barrage balloon over Hyde Park to publicise their last recruiting drive are now planning a T.A. Tattoo next April at which the Prime Minister, a former Territorial Army colonel, will take the salute.

BEST TECHNIQUE

It has also been found that one of the best recruiting techniques is simply to park an armoured car near a busy shopping centre on a Saturday morning and let people talk to the crew. "Territorials sell themselves" a senior officer said.

In the Highlands they already have 195 of the 218 officers they need and 3,000 of the required 3,744 other ranks. London units are more than 80 p.c. up to strength and six are over-recruited.

Tougher line by teachers

By Our Education Correspondent

A "COUNCIL for the Preservation of Educational Standards" will be launched at a conference in Pembroke College, Cambridge, on New Year's Day. Its sponsors believe syllabuses need tightening up, particularly in primary schools.

The idea comes from Mr. A. E. Drson, senior lecturer at the University of East Anglia and co-editor of the *Black Papers* on education.

Other sponsors are Mr. Tom Howarth, High Master of St. Paul's, Mr. Richard Pedley, headmaster of St. Dunstan's, Catford, and Mr. Leslie Bruce Lockhart, headmaster of Gresham's School, Holt.

70 INVITED

A key speaker will be Prof. Jacques Barzun of the University of Columbia, New York, a notable advocate of traditional methods of teaching reading, as opposed to "guesswork about the shapes of words." With Mr. Howarth and Mr. Pedley, he was a *Black Paper* contributor.

Seventy people, mostly school and university teachers, have been invited. Their uneasiness about primary school methods gets some support from recent findings by the National Foundation for Educational Research.

This suggested that children taught in a systematic way under the firm control of the teacher had less difficulty in learning to read than children in less formal classrooms.

MORE FORMAL

Though there is a clear link between this new council and the *Black Papers* of 1969 and 1970, the council may get a slightly more sympathetic hearing from educationists than did the *Black Papers*.

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U.C. SAYS CARR WAS OFFENSIVE

PETER PATERSON Industrial Correspondent

THE war between the Government and the union movement over Industrial Relations Act is still going on.

Union Congress leaders, writing a letter from Mr. Secretary of Employment, have described the union as "offensive".

Carr was informing them because of their instruction to union nominees on the day to resign, he intended the regulations that equal number of years and trade unionists to on them.

fact, only 50 of the 200 union members of tri- have resigned—many are union officials and mem- of a tribunal represents main source of income.

TRIALS EXTENDED

tribunals, which already with workers' claims for dancy pay, will extend activities under the Act for cases of alleged unfair dismissal. They will be able to compensation up to a sum of £4,100.

another key issue, the tion of unions under the Act, the T.U.C. is expect- poor response to its call unions to write to the Registrar of Trade Unions Employers' Associations by Friday indicating their- tion to remove their names his temporary register.

ay unions have yet to take- mal decision on the mat- re are legally incapable of- ing the T.U.C.

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Bank raiders' haul may be over £4m.

SUNDAY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

THE haul in the 40ft. tunnel raid on Lloyds Bank's strongroom in Baker Street, Marylebone, is expected to be well over £4 million when the final count is made. This would be a record.

So far detectives have traced owners of 50 of the safe deposit boxes which were forced open. A realistic appraisal of their contents puts the value at £4 million.

Owners of 150 more boxes which were rifled have yet to be traced. It is conceivable that the haul is many millions more.

Detectives will not insist on the depositors making formal statements to cover everything that they kept in the safe deposits. But they are asking for word-of-mouth estimates of the value on a confidential basis.

Most of the haul is in gold, diamonds and other valuables, but it includes some money.

Scotland Yard believes that a newly-emerged king of London's underworld master-minded the raid. He lives on the Continent, received visits from British crooks and has an interest in a bank outside United Kingdom control.

He is believed to have been coaxed also with a £250,000 raid on a Co-operative safe deposit in Stratford three years ago. It is thought he knew the value of deposits in the Lloyds Bank strongroom.

Escape clue

A team of crooks new to the London underworld is believed to have been recruited and financed by this man for the job. In tunnelling 40ft. from an empty headbag shop under a restaurant in the bank vaults two weeks ago the crooks took a big physical risk.

Their tunnel was so insecure that the senior police officers eventually on the scene refused to allow their men to go down



"We could always print a warning on the backs that television is had for the eyes."

it to investigate. At first it was assumed by the police that the tunnel led to the sewers and the gang had escaped that way. Little information has since been gleaned from underworld informants and it is thought the gang may have escaped abroad with one of the biggest prizes of modern crime. Close watch will be kept on the activities of the suspected master-mind on behalf of the crime intelligence branch.

WORLD CHESS

Robert Fischer of the United States and Tigran Petrosian of Russia have both arrived in Buenos Aires for the finals of the world chess championships candidates' tournament. The match of 12 games is scheduled to begin on Thursday. The winner will meet world champion Boris Spassky of Russia.

U.S. Navy to buy Harriers

By Our Naval Correspondent

THE American Navy is to buy the British Harrier vertical take-off and landing fighter. The number will depend on trials with six Harriers on board a helicopter landing ship, the American equivalent of a British Commando ship.

The initial order will probably be for 30 or 40 Harriers, worth about £50 million. This may be increased to 80 costing £90 million. These are in addition to 120 Harriers planned for the American Marines.

The naval order is largely due to the Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. E. R. Zumwalt, who favours having up to 12 "air capable" ships.

CARRIER DOUBTS

The American Navy is afraid that Congress will not approve a fourth nuclear-powered aircraft carrier which may cost £400 million. This and reductions in its carrier force have forced the use of cheaper seaborne air power.

With potential Harrier orders from America alone worth £200 to £250 million, the Government may decide that the aircraft's unit cost has reached a point where the Royal Navy should be permitted to buy it.

It is likely that Australia, India, Italy, West Germany and Argentina may follow the American Navy's lead by buying Harriers for their navies.

£3m. DEAL FOR BLUE STREAK

By our Space Correspondent

The European Launcher Development Organisation has placed orders worth £3 million with Hawker Siddeley Dynamics for two more Blue Streak rockets. Engineered by Rolls-Royce, they will serve as first-stage boosters for two Franco-German Symphonie communications satellites in 1972-73.

The project is part of the Europa 2 programme at Kourou in French Guiana. A first test launching is planned for November.

Bride for French P.M.



THE FRENCH Premier, M. Chaban-Delmas, 56, with the former Mme. Micheline Chaban-Delmas, 42, after their marriage on Friday in Bordeaux. The bride, of Corsican origin, was born in Haiphong and speaks Chinese. She has four children, twins, a daughter and a son, from her first marriage, which was dissolved. The Premier's previous wife died in a car accident a year ago.

Wilson attacks on jobs

MR. WILSON accused the Government yesterday of cynical complacency "the face of the scandalous increase in the number of school-leavers for whom there are no jobs of a kind." The figure of 54,000 of them without work, said, concealed two ominous facts.

"First, it excluded the unceded numbers who had to go back to school because there were no jobs for them, including those for whom local authorities have arranged special unemployment courses.

"Second, even among those who had found work, there were thousands upon thousands who had not found work at a level commensurate with their abilities and qualifications.

"What kind of a Government is it that complacently relies on the very youngest among its citizens to find the chance of a rewarding and satisfying

OMINOUS FIGURE

Mr. Wilson devoted all of speech, at a Labour party rally in Luton, to unemployment which "has now reached 525 with the ominous figure of a million, recently poob-poobed the Government, now drag gear." Graduate unemployment he said, was the worst since war days, and the prospect of a further increase ahead.

"These figures of men out work, school-leavers without work, are the direct result of disastrous decisions derived from men drunk with their dogmas."

The Government on its office had refused to use great strength left to the record trade and record places for full employment, regional development, social advance.

They had scrapped the P. and I. Income Tax, the Industrial Reorganisation Corporation and the Indus Expansion Act, desperate needed for industrial modernisation and the fight against unemployment.

They had scrapped investment grants, "an essential weapon against new factories built jobs created. All over the country, businessmen are being the slump in investment this doctrinaire decision by Conservative Government."

STUBBORN REFUSAL

The Government had a bornly refused in one House mini-Budget after another, accept demands for more expansion. "Each time I told us the pick-up in industry was beginning. Each time I were badly wrong."

"And until they finally jacked in July and got it wrong—they were determined to hold back the economy, to hold down employment, as part of their vendetta against unions."

In Election week Mr. He pledged the Conservative Government to a "massive unemployment" at a stroke.

"Now, cynically break every pre-election pledge except those he made to those bear gifts to the Tory election coffers be sits there in doctrinaire, inactivity, frozen in his calcified indifference. He presides over Government whose most notable achievement is the creation of the highest unemployment in the thirties."

Mr. MacKenzie was downgraded from his £4,000 a year post as chief sub-editor and to nearly £200 in salary because he did not seek permission before writing a satirical article for the weekly magazine *Spectator* which attacked Mr. Golda Meir, the Israeli Prime Minister.

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Protest over B.B.C. man

Sunday Telegraph Reporter The reinstatement of a B.B.C. journalist, Mr. Fergus Mackenzie, has angered Mr. David Spectator, chairman of Bright Israel Friendship League. I said yesterday he would again complain to the B.B.C.'s editor of new and current affairs programmes.

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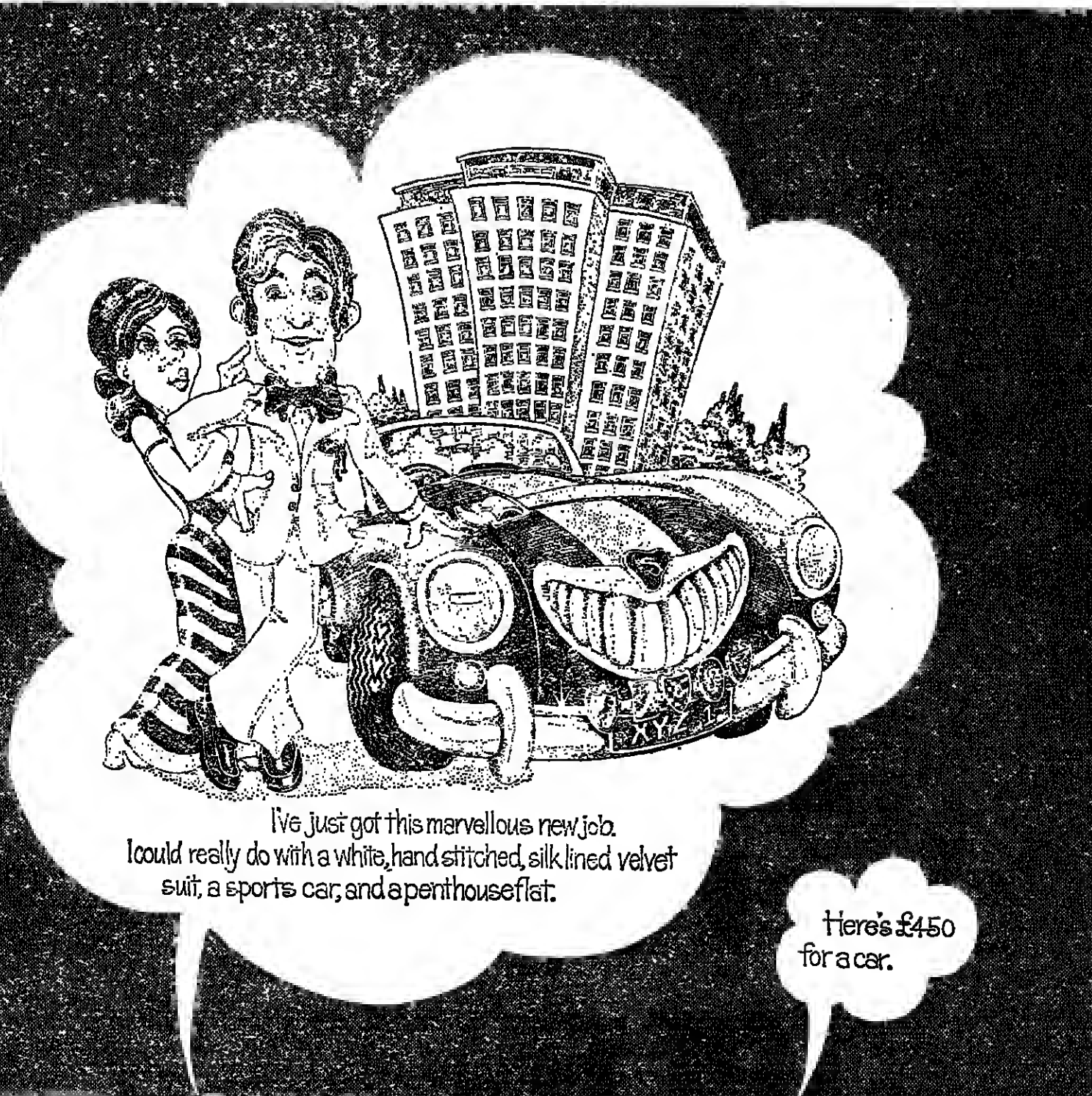
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A TRADE union attempt will be made to end the impasse between the workers' commune in the yards of Upper Clyde Shipbuilders and the Government when two trade union leaders visit Glasgow on Wednesday.

They are Mr. Dan McGarvey, the boilermakers' leader, who is president of the shipbuilding section of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, and Mr. Jack Service, the Confederation's secretary.

They will meet Mr. Hugh Stenhouse, chairman of the Government's new private board which was appointed to run the Govan and Linthouse yards, and his chief executive, Mr. Archibald Gilchrist.

Mr. McGarvey and his colleagues will also have talks with the Clyde district officials of the confederation at a meeting to which representatives of the U.C.S. shop stewards' committee have been invited.

Throughout the trial of strength between workers and Government, the U.C.S. shop stewards have dictated their own terms, the work-in at the four yards, their command of the gates and now their refusal to allow the chief executives of the new board to have access to the Govan and Linthouse yards.

Inquiry to be held

Mr. James Reid, Communist leader of the shop stewards, believes that the new board is part of the Government's "butchery" of the shipbuilding industry on the Upper Clyde.

Mr. James Airlie, Communist chairman of the shop stewards' committee occupying the yards, said: "We will not co-operate with the new board. We will not talk to them."

He said the committee would in future operate from the U.C.S. boardroom at Linthouse.

Leading trade union officials met in the Clyde district committee of the confederation and the Scottish T.U.C. are cold to wards this unfinching policy of shop stewards. The Scottish T.U.C. is carrying out a public inquiry into the social implications of the collapse of U.C.S.

But trade union leaders, even if they wished, are hardly likely to criticise the shop stewards in the present climate.

Latest Wills

BRINTON, Mrs. J. V. Westminister, (duty, £227,307) £332,516
CAPPER, Mrs. N. J. Wivelcombe, Somerset (duty, £260,755) £185,573
DIXON, Mr. T. G. Horsham, Sussex (duty, £145,515) £317,387
MITCHESON, Mr. W. G. Gorse, Newcastle upon Tyne (duty, £55,782) £250,255
NORMANTON, Mrs. N. C. Halifax, Yorks. (duty, £58,573) £117,592
RICKETTS, Mr. A. T. Slough (duty, £8,458) £107,555

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Pope Paul VI is 74 today.
Mr. Bertram Nicholls is 88; Dr. A. V. Hill 85; Sir Barnes Wallis 84; Sir William McEwan 83; Lt. Gen. Lord Norrie 78; Sir Robert S. Fraser 67; Prof. Sir Anthony Blunt 64; Major Sir John Brooke 63; Sir Frank Marshall 56; and Sir Chief Marshal Sir Denis Spotswood 55.

In a report on the financial affairs of the Edward Elgar Birthplace Trust in *The Sunday Telegraph* on Sept. 18, it was stated that the Prime Minister and 13 others had resigned as patrons from the Elgar Society. The body from the United Kingdom Elgar Society, which is a separate organisation.

VILLAGERS UPSET EQUITY

By DEREK BOWMAN

EQUITY, the actors' union, is to protest to Pier Paolo Pasolini, the Italian film director, over his use of villagers instead of professional actors in a film of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales."

Pasolini started shooting scenes last week in Chipping Campden, Glos. and 100 villagers were paid £5 for a day's filming.

They were issued with donkeys and hoes, smocks, breastplates and other medieval costumes. Later in the week the Italian unit moved to villages near Colchester.

Equity has written to Pasolini for an assurance that he will use British professional actors for the film.

An Equity official said: "Obviously we are very concerned about the situation."

The union's policy has been to instruct members who are asked to work with amateurs to contact Equity before accepting an engagement.

The Film Artists Association, which represents extras and crowd personnel as opposed to actors with lines, is also watching the situation. But it will not approach Pasolini unless he works within 55 miles of London, the association's working radius.

Obituary

Justice Hugo Black

Hugo Lafayette Black who has died in Maryland Bethesda Naval Hospital, aged 85, served as a United States Supreme Court Justice for 34 years.

He was the third oldest Supreme Court Justice and was third in length of service. He probably did more than any other member of the bench to influence the court in cases that led to broad social change.

Born in an Alabama cabin, he retained to the end a slight Southern drawl and an essential courtesy of the United States Constitution which earned him the reputation of a court liberal.

A senior lawyer once said that Black's reading of the Bill of Rights resembled a fundamentalist preacher's interpretation of the Bible.

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Justice Black, the son of a soldier who fought on the Confederate side in the Civil War, studied law at the University of Alabama law school. He served as a police court judge and as a prosecuting counsel before being twice elected as a senator.

He was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Roosevelt in 1937. In the same year it was revealed that in 1923 he had joined the Ku Klux Klan, office considered an essential career step for aspiring politicians in Alabama at those days.

Justice Black went on to lead some of the nation's most main breakthroughs on the right to freedom of expression, and of the Press.

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9. What if someone in my family has had a health problem that may occur again?
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Pays you £90 per month (£3 per day) Extra Cash when you are hospitalised. £30 per month (£1 daily) for each eligible child in hospital. If you are the only parent living with your children, we suggest the One-Parent Family Plan. It covers you and all your children between three months of age and under 18 years, as long as they are unmarried and live at home. Costs only £2.75 per month - about 9p per day.

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Picking a school for girls

By WINEFRIDE JACKSON

WHEN one compares the overall number of girls at boarding school (just over 53,000) with nearly 8½ million at day schools, according to the latest figures for 1969, a discussion on whether boarding schools are the best training ground for girls would not appear all that important. But it is this group that, to date, has produced proportionately the most vociferous women in public and academic life.

The subject is also considered sufficiently important for the Department of Education and Science to have instituted a research project on girls' boarding schools, the result of which comes out on Thursday.

Excepting parents working abroad who need these schools and working mothers here who find them a convenience, is life at boarding school today the best training for girls?

Two heads of schools on different sides gave me interesting points that parents able to choose may not always be aware of.

*English Girls' Boarding Schools by Mallory Wober. Allen Lane, The Penguin Press. Price £2-50.

From her many years of teaching experience, Dame Margaret Miles, headmistress of Mayfield (a second-year comprehensive school in Putney for almost 2,000 girls from 11 to 19), is certain that in today's society a day school is preferable.

We talked in her office in this most modern of buildings with facilities that out many schools can match.

"I think the boarding school concept is out of touch with what most people are like. Contrast between strict discipline at school and today's more easy-going spoilt life at home during the holidays is not good," said Dame Margaret thoughtfully.

"Also I don't think society has the means of running a boarding school smoothly. It is difficult to get resident maids, and dailies cannot cope."

"It is also difficult to get resident teaching staff.

Spinsters are a dying race.

"I think having married teachers is a healthy thing and much more natural. We have roughly 100 full-time teachers here and about 30 part-time and the majority are either married or planning to marry."

Dame Margaret agrees that few girls see marriage as their only role. They take this for granted; they also take it for granted they will work at least in the early days of marriage and will probably return to a career later.

There is so much talk about the chaotic role of family life that few people stop to think it out, accepting the statement as just another sociological cliché. But when someone of the academic stature and experience of Dame Margaret says, rather sadly, that family life really is changing and that students are more likely to be influenced by their contemporaries



Dame Margaret Miles, headmistress of Mayfield; right, Mr. Hunt, headmaster of Roedean, and his

than by their parents, we need to take notice.

In choosing the head of a girls' boarding school to put their case, Roedean, Brighton (over 400 pupils) which now has a headmaster, the first of his kind since the school was founded in 1885, seemed a suitable modern choice. The headmaster is Mr. J. M. Hunt, married and in his late thirties. He took up his post earlier this year.

An important point in keeping a balance between school and normal daily life, and in obtaining adequate teaching and domestic staff, is the school's geographical position. If the school is adjacent to a thriving town, as at Brighton, there is no problem.

"Our teaching staff have as much out-of-school life as they want; a number have flats in the town and take an active part in local life. Pupils are free to go out with parents at weekends, wear non-uniform clothes in the afternoon and in the sixth form arrange their set work programme on an individual basis. The social aspect of girls' boarding schools has changed enormously in the last ten years. Today social barriers are almost irrelevant."

Mr. Hunt agrees with Dame Margaret that few

girls see marriage as only role and that at 95 per cent. of his take up a career.

"The criterion of a boarding school is that it should be seen to be at sixth form level to survive. Many boarding schools have sixth forms a burden staff. Indeed, many leave to take A-levels at some other school. We in a number of such schools, so, he obviously essential to have a headmaster."

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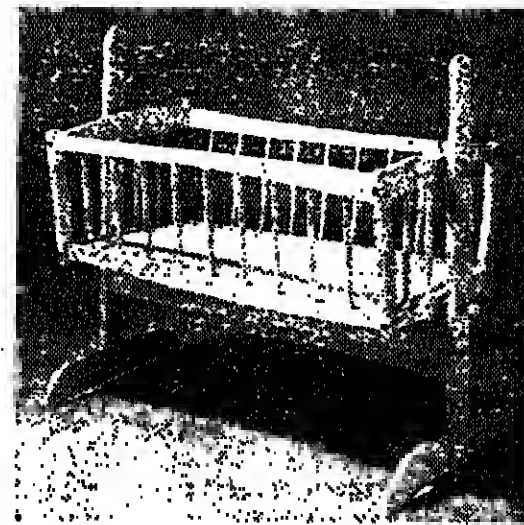
By MARY BROGAN

BABIES are becoming old-fashioned—not in the way that the population experts would like to see, but in the sense of the surroundings that their doting parents choose to give them. One of the attractions at next month's Pram Fairs in Loddoo and Harrogate will be Atcraft's new rocking cot, an ingenious combination of the old-fashioned cradle and the modern, barred cot. The makers say: "We've brought this in because there is definitely a demand for rocking cots."

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WINE

Connoisseur's aperitif

By JOHN MORRELL

A DRY sherry is the connoisseur's perfect aperitif because it does not cloy his palate for the fine wines to follow, and only a dry champagne can rival it for this purpose. Sherry has also special comforts as winter closes in. What other wine has such variety?

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The Palomino is the classic grape, and, after a tumultuous, slowly dying fermentation is ended experts decide from the growth or otherwise of the flower or yeast on the surface whether the wine will become a dry or sweet variety. On this decision depends the amount of fortification with grape spirit that gives alco-

holic strength and other qualities. The wine then takes its place in the solera system whereby the huts of older wines are replenished in careful order from younger casks as the sherry is drawn upon.

All this takes time and costs money, but Williams & Humbert International, proud owners of such great sherries as Walnut Brown and Dry Sack—the latter claimed to be enjoyed by more people in more countries than any rival—have broken the price barrier with a range of four younger, inexpensive sherries that are yet worthy of their name.

Marked with distinctive black-and-gold labels they come as Fino, Amontillado, Golden Medium and Cream, and are priced between 85p and 87p a bottle. I particularly liked the Golden Medium and the Cream. Stockists include Fortnum & Mason of 181, Piccadilly, London, W1, and Kettner's Ltd of 13, Old Compton Street, W1.

English associations with sherry, as with port in Portugal, go back for centuries and Shakespeare's Falstaff was loud in his praise of "sherris-sack". It was only in 1793 that Avery of Bristol and, three years later, Harveys of Bristol were founded as rivals which have become world wide names. While there are such famous Spanish houses as Domecq, the English equivalents more than hold their own throughout the globe.

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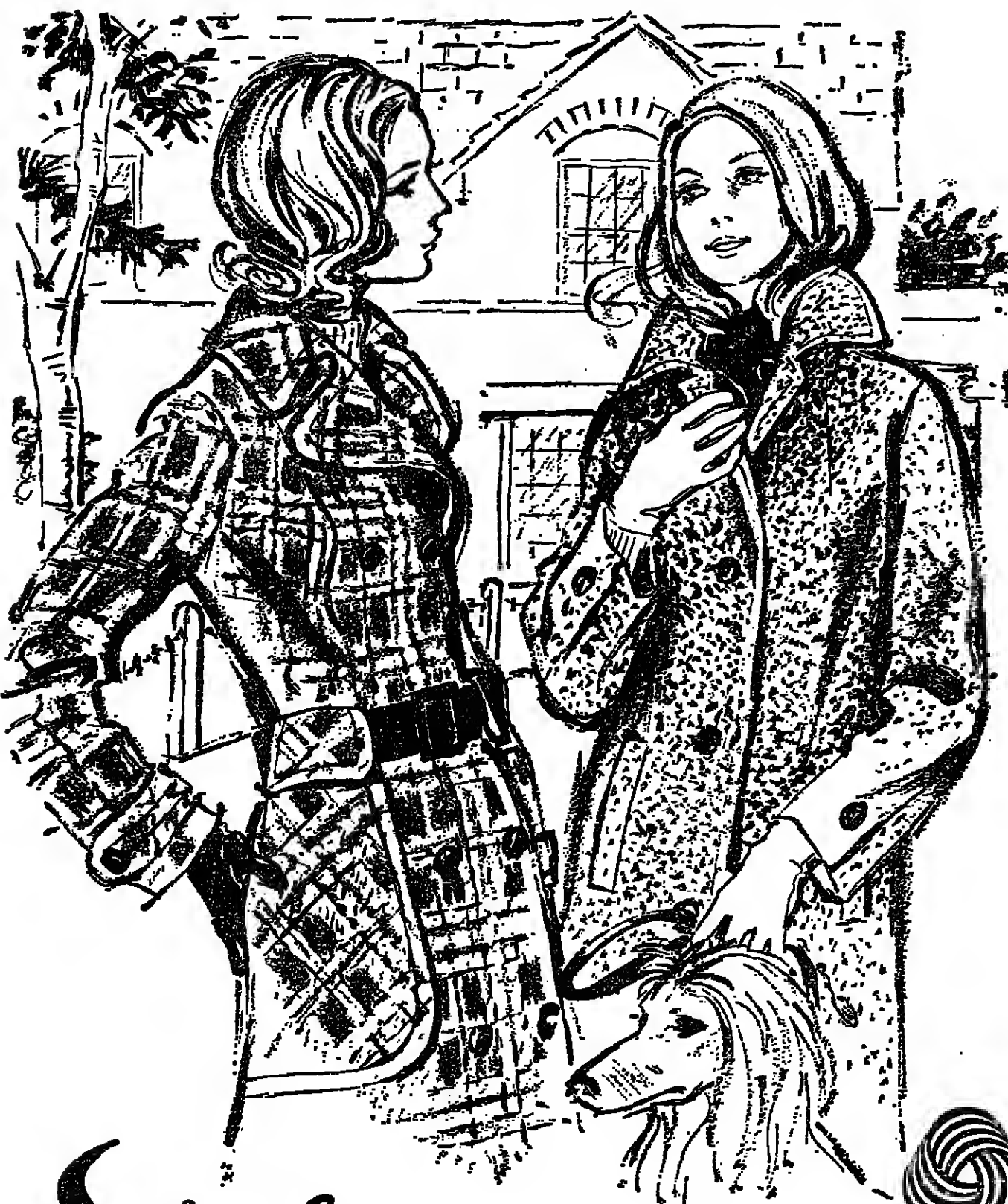
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FASHION

THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH SEPTEMBER 26, 1971

Colourful winter wrap ups



By ALEC MURRAY
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Sketch by INGER CARLSON

EVERYONE is counting on this being a big winter coat buying season. Certainly there is a sufficient choice of styles to make shopping a pleasure rather than a necessity. Designs include a revival of the cape, from Sherlock Holmes to a more modest shoulder cape. Yet another revival with 1971 variations is the tent or swing coat. Dior designed the swing coat from a small high bust and I think this is one of the prettiest lines. Fabrics are very distinctive this season: checks are brightly coloured from tartan inspired to vivid blanket checks. Also to the fore are speckled tweeds and shaggy lamb in synthetic yarn. Our coats sketched show a cross section of these trends. On now are the stores' autumn fashion shows. Harrods' show continues until Saturday and Simpson's is on from October 5 till 9.

Left to right: Square-shouldered, belted coat by Elgee in scarlet and four other colours, £25, Fifth Avenue, Regent St., W.1, and Henderson, Liverpool; brown gaberdine with Borg fur fabric cuffs and hem, £43 from Selfridges, London, W.1, and Vogue, Cambridge; grey Astrakha coat with bands and lining of fake Afghan lamb, £22 from Selfridges, London, W.1; blanket check coat by Elgee, with red or yellow back-ground, £26-50 from Dickens and Jones, Regent St., W.1, and Jenners of Edinburgh; black and white coat with shoulder cape and small pockets, by Miss Féraud, £22-50 from Harrods, London, S.W.1, and Watt and Grant of Aberdeen; caped coat in black and white tweed by Louis Féraud, £31-25, from Selfridges, London, W.1, and Nona of Anglesey.

PROFILE

Life with the O'Caseys

By CHRISTINE VERITY

"DEEPLY now, and always, I miss opening the door and not hearing Sean's voice, warm and welcoming: 'Is that you, Eileen?'"

Eileen is the widow of the Irish playwright Sean O'Casey who died in 1964, aged 84. Last week Sean's, her book about their marriage, was published.

Eileen O'Casey lives in one of the most peaceful parts of Hampstead. At the age of 66 she is still a beautiful woman, made slightly nervous by the publicity which has arisen from her book.

"Immediately Sean died I decided to write about him," she says, "but that was in the heat of emotion. I went off the idea for a long time and only began to write when I was pushed. I have only written once before this—a preface to one of Sean's books."

His marriage to her seems to have been unusually idyllic for a writer. Was this partly due to

* Macmillan, £5-25.



Picture by W. SUSCHITZKY
Eileen O'Casey—missing the voice of Sean

the admiration she felt for a great man? Eileen O'Casey disagreed: "Of course, I always admired Sean's writings, but on a daily basis, I did not think of myself as living with a great man."

"I have missed him since his death because of the constant companionship one gets used to from a writer husband who works at home all the time. And, of course, the conversation tends to be more stimulating and original."

Sean O'Casey married Eileen Cary when he was 46 and she 22. She was an actress and she longed to meet the Irish

playwright whose works she had come to admire.

"He treated me differently," she remembers. "Women at that time were not expected to share the interests and conversation of men. Sean was unique in expecting me to behave like an intelligent person. I found it very strange and flattering."

"We never quarrelled," she remembers. "I think this was because I worked at the same time as Sean wrote—which was always in the evenings. Otherwise, I should have hated never having a night out with him."

But despite their happiness, the O'Caseys had their share of tragedy and difficulty. Neither of them managed the financial side of their marriage well. "I still love spending money," says Eileen, "as soon as I know there isn't much left, I go on a spending spree."

Then her husband suffered from bad eyesight and encroaching blindness. "One had to be very tactful about this. I would never discuss the objects needed were always in familiar places so that he didn't have to ask. Towards the end he couldn't read at all, which for him was agonising."

The O'Caseys had three children, and it was the death of her second son, Niall, of leukemia when he was only 20, which shattered her more than any other experience.

"There is nothing more emotionally devastating than having a child taken away. One is constantly struck by the unfairness of it, by the fact that he never led a life."

Sean O'Casey never quite recovered from the shock. "But," says his wife, "a woman has to keep the family together, she cannot give in. Her two surviving children are married. Shivan is an actress, and Breon, an artist, lives in St. Ives."

Despite the sadness in her life she says she is a happy person. Not many women have received love letters like the ones Sean O'Casey wrote to her after many years of marriage: "You are more to me than anything in the world. I love you deeply, intensely, passionately, my own beautiful, adorable, and desirable darling Eily."

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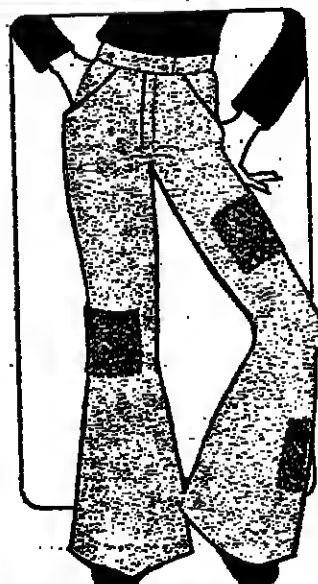
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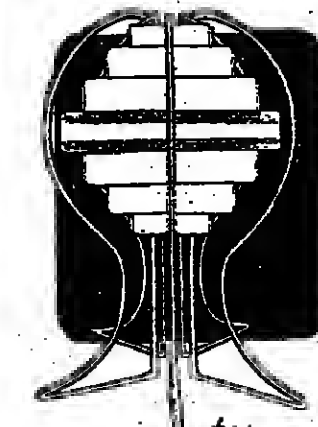
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Keep Your Complexion Youthful



By our Skin Care Consultant

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Slimming begins in the mind

THERE are almost as many diets as there are fat people: peanuts and oranges, milk and bananas, high protein and so on.

In the short term these diets may work but the main thing about losing weight is to eat normally while cutting out the wrong foods. It is possible to satisfy a person's hunger and not eat high carbohydrate food.

The idea that eating certain foods makes you slim is a fallacy. For instance, there are no magical properties in a grapefruit which

increase the metabolic rate and speed up weight loss. On the other hand as grapefruit is a good source of vitamin C it will do no harm to eat them in plenty.

Many people are also under the impression that cutting down on liquids will shed the unwanted pounds. Unless you are unwell in some way, the body, which needs water in fairly large amounts, will expel the excess. Cutting down on water intake will not help you slim and can also be dangerous.

But one suggestion which

is not a fallacy is to have a good breakfast. The effects of a hearty tuck in at the beginning of the day will be less than the meal taken before going to bed. Much breakfast food—eggs, bacon, grapefruit—is non-fattening and filling.

Slimming really begins and ends in the mind rather than the body. Until we invent a pill to strengthen our willpower we can take psychological short cuts; like decorating the house or gardening. By keeping the mind off the subject of food altogether half the battle is won.

Rules to enjoy three meals a day

By MARIKA HANBURY TENISON

AS a professional cook, dieting is something I live with. Inevitably, as I test and try out new recipes and delicious rich dishes, I eat too much until, about once every four months, I catch sight of myself in a looking glass and realise it's time to pull out the stops and go on my quarterly diet. I stick to the rules and within just a couple of weeks get back to square one with the needle on my weighing machine back where it should be once more.

The quarterly diet is for people like me—Mrs. Average Housewife—with a job to do, a house to run and a family to cook for and it's dovetailed to fit in with those over-riding conditions. It isn't too drastic because, like most women in the 1970s, I cannot afford to lose energy as well as weight; it is designed not to overload the weekly budget and is tailored to fit in with the everyday programme of the average week.

Rules

1. Eat NO bread, pasta, or biscuits of any kind, potatoes, root vegetables, peas, beans (except French or runner beans), thickened sauces, avocado pears, bananas, sugar (use sugar substitutes), sweets, puddings, baked fruit juice or any dried food except cornflakes, salt—use garlic or celery salt instead.
2. DO NOT EXCEED an allowance of ½ pint milk a day, to be used in drinks or cooking; an allowance of 1oz. fat a day (butter, margarine, vegetable oil or cooking fat), to be used for cooking.
3. HAVE THREE MEALS A DAY: one egg meal, one fish meal and one meat meal.
4. IF YOU HAVE TO EAT BETWEEN MEALS: eat raw celery, raw mushrooms, plain yoghurt or a grapefruit.
5. EAT SLOWLY and help keep hunger pangs at bay by drinking a glass of fresh lemon juice with both meals; first thing in the morning and by adding a spoonful of gelatine to all hot drinks.
6. IF YOUR ROUTINE INCLUDES packed lunches, restrict them to cold meat, lettuce, celery, raw cauliflower, watercress, raw mushrooms, a firm crisp apple and plain yoghurt. If you go to a restaurant whilst on the diet, study the menu carefully and keep to the rules. If you go out to a meal with friends, wait your boss's first that you are on a diet—everyone will understand.
7. ADAPT YOUR MEALS TO FIT IN WITH THE FAMILY. Give them hearty soups while you eat your consomme; supplement their main courses with a sauce if necessary and potatoes or rice as an extra

vegetable. Eat your salad as a separate course while they tuck into a pudding.

Menu

Breakfast

- 1 firm, crisp apple or 1 carton plain yoghurt or ½ grapefruit.
- Any one of the following:
 - 1 or 2 boiled eggs.
 - 1 or 2 scrambled eggs made in a non-stick pan with a little milk from allowance but no butter.
 - 1 or 2 baked eggs cooked in a ramekin dish with a dot of butter and dash of milk from allowance.

1 kipper cooked in a jug (stand kipper in a jug, pour over boiling water and leave to stand for 15 minutes).

1 kipper, mackerel or herring brushed with 2 little lemon juice and grilled.

1 or 2 raw eggs beaten with ½ pint fresh orange juice or milk from allowance.

1 cup lemon tea, or tea or coffee using milk from milk allowance.

Mid-morning and mid-afternoon

1 cup Bovril or Marmite, or tea or coffee using milk from milk allowance.

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Hollywood in the 'Seventies may have lost its glamour, but at its former glory is not lost. The Hollywood of the 'Forties seems a set to re-assert its influence, at least as far as fashion and beauty are concerned. The hairstyle, reminiscent of Rita Hayworth, which would have looked like a period piece a year ago, is right in the mood for this autumn. Devised by Pas of Elizabeth Arden, it needs shoulder-length hair and skilful setting. It does not, fortunately, need a perm: its effect is achieved by setting the hair on very tight rollers and finishing off in truly Forties style, with curling tongs.

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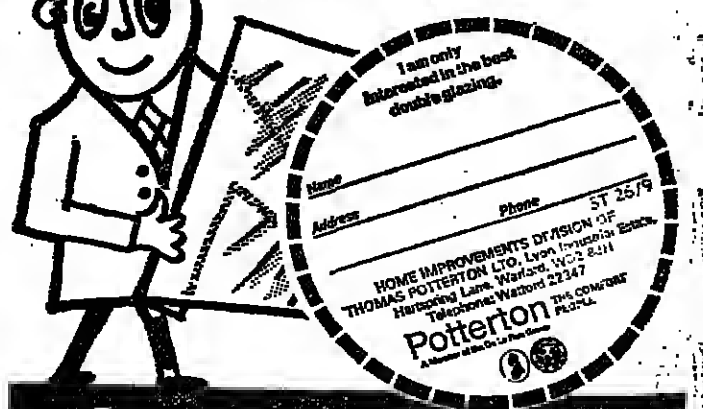
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By PEREGRINE
WORSTHORNE

Ulster population, who make little effort to disguise their desire to see Ulster destroyed, and they are urging this at a time when the instrument of their destruction, the I.R.A., has never been so strong.

Such a demand on Mr. Faulkner can only be honourably pressed if Britain really is determined to forgo a part of its own to govern Ulster on comparable terms, and the strength of the will which truly carry out the demand of the Ulster Party. There is no sign of that determination. May it not be that Britain is seeking 'to castrate Stormont when it is itself impotent in will'?

This is not a pretty conjecture. But if this country has any sense of honour left it must face up to its implication. In the circumstances of Ulster, sharing power with the Opposition, at a time of armed insurrection, is an intensely dangerous course, a formidable gamble.

The most likely result would be that the Ulster system of Government would collapse, leading to the first resort of direct rule from Westminster. But this in turn would mean that the campaign of urban guerrilla war at present being waged by the I.R.A. on the streets of Belfast and Derry, with a view to weakening Stormont's will to govern, would be transferred to the streets of London, with a view to weaken Britain's. It would be British policemen and British soldiers who would suffer the death and mutilation at their murderous hands. How would the British people react?

Given their present mood, it would be a rash prophet who predicted that they would be willing for long to sustain the strain. The sight of these horrors going on across the Irish Sea has already induced an intense desire to be rid of Ulster, to turn away from the problem.

Would this desire not be deepened and rendered politically irresistible, if the horrors began to be enacted even nearer home? Yet they inevitably would be. For the time being Stormont rule is the I.R.A. target for tonight. But once Stormont rule had been undermined, the heat

would be turned on Westminster.

The prospect is daunting, and the trouble with last week's debate is that nothing was said that might prepare the British people for this ordeal. The Chequers talks were presented by both the Government and the Opposition as offering the possible promise of a way out of the impasse. But they are nothing of the kind.

From the British point of view, the more successful they are, the more they are likely to add to our difficulties, since in so far as they reduce the grievances against Stormont—which is their object—they will increase the grievances against Westminster. Instead of the Ulster Unionist party being seen as the prime obstacle to reunification, the prime object of hatred will become the

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British Conservative party, with vilification of Mr. Heath taking the place of vilification of Mr. Faulkner.

Perhaps Mr. Heath's shoulders are broad enough to sustain this extra burden, and the heart of the Tory party sonod enough. But if this is so, it would be as well to put the matter to the test by warning the British people of what lies ahead. There is no question of solving the problem of Ulster by these proposed political reforms. At best they will enable the British people to fight for Ulster with a clearer conscience.

But are they prepared to fight for even a reformed Ulster? Even if Mr. Faulkner grants every reform demanded of him, can it really be supposed that this will make Ulster a cause for which they will willingly

Street survival

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For their part, the Publishers' Association appeared to be biding over backwards not to regard the meetings at *This Sunday Telegraph*, the *Sunday Times* and the *Observer* as "serious disruption". The mood that evening was that only the wholesale wrecking of the presses by N.G.A. members armed with sledgehammers would come into that category.

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and protractedly continue to fight an urban guerrilla war not only on the other side of the Irish Sea but also in the towns and cities of Britain itself?

I do not think it can. All hopes are now being placed on the efficacy of political reform. Everything will be well, it is suggested, if the Catholics are brought into the government. So the British people are told to be patient for a little while longer, until political reform has had time to work. But this is a sure recipe for a crescendo of cynicism and disillusion, since the political reforms will not work in this sense at all. And when they are seen not to work, the disinclination of the British people to carry on the fight will be even greater than it is today.

Would it not be better for the British people to be told

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and other extras normally calculated on extra paid copy.

The National Graphical Association, however, soon expressed disquiet over such an arrangement. They feared that the differential (i.e., money advantage) their members have enjoyed prior to the introduction of their craft or skilled status would be eroded by a flat-rate money increase, and they argued for a percentage rise.

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the stark and ugly truth? There is no solution to the Ulster problem. If Ulster is to be maintained as part of the United Kingdom it will require, for the foreseeable future, a willingness on their part to go through the agony of fighting a kind of urban guerrilla war in which there is no victory.

If they are prepared to do this, then the Chequers talks may be worthwhile, since this will create a favourable political background against which the war can be fought. But if the British people are not prepared for this kind of struggle, it would be intolerable if they were to weaken the Unionist party which still has the will and the means to continue it on its own.

I would hope that the British people did have this will since its absence on the issue of Ulster would suggest a sickness of spirit that bodes ill for the safety of the kingdom in any future crisis, domestic or foreign. But if they do not, then at least they should eschew like the plague any treacherous attempt to infect the loyalists of Ulster with their own death wish. That would be the ultimate in cynical irresponsibility.

By
PETER PATERSON

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Autumn can be depended upon to deal brusquely with those unfinished jobs of summer that litter the countryside, especially my piece of countryside.

I am reminded, without musing, that weeds in a garden or on a riverbank, now hiding places for migrants, should have been dealt with long ago.

My neighbours forget (or willfully refuse to believe) that I am on the side of the migrants. The chickweeds, the thrushes, the goldfinch and the wagtail, the goldcrest and the rook, the thistle and the duck are strictly for the birds. The weeds may rot from what I hear, suit those who cannot hear these days, if they see fields of stubble with a few birds which are not coming from a pink-footed wild goose to a goldcock, to resist reaching for a gun, or a plough.

But they suit the wandering birds. And, if they suit the birds, they most definitely suit me. Also, I have a fair to middlin' idea that it suits autumn, too. For I am dead against the way in which stubble is hacked off the earth and the ground turned into furrows of cornland in a mad rush to prevent nature enjoying autumn.

A Hertfordshire farmer's boy, proudly sitting a chestnut, too whom he will soon be chasing foxes, boasted to me that "as a contribution towards conservation" they had not shot a partridge on his father's land for 10 years. He knew that I knew that he knew that, by carelessly putting a match to two parallel (and older-dry) ridges of cropped straw on stubble he had caused the deaths of about nine brace of French-bred red-legged partridges originally imported from France. But he did not mention the wasteful tragedy.

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NOT SINGLE SPIES

THERE is unquestionably a farcical element in the extraordinary affair of the Russian spies. The notion of a supposedly friendly Power having to send a special aircraft to ferry home its army of unmasked secret agents introduces a touch of the Marx Brothers into this bizarre scandal. One could even find something mildly flattering in the thought of these solemn swarms of snoopers engaged in ferreting out our secrets. It is pleasant to know we possess so many secrets.

But while it is natural for the British to find jokes in such a situation, it is a deeply serious matter for all that, and the Government has been absolutely right to take unprecedented measures to deal with it. These will no doubt sharply affect the temperature of Anglo-Soviet relations, but that cannot be helped. The blame lies wholly with the men in the Kremlin who thought so little of British goodwill (or common sense) that they were prepared to establish a centre for international espionage upon British soil under the flimsiest of disguises.

The chief lesson is that the Soviet régime, whether it is making hostile noises or talking peaceably of détente, does not vary in its underlying purposes and methods. There has been much emphasis of late upon friendly relations with the West. The fact that this has been accompanied by a massive programme of espionage and even sabotage, as has now been revealed, makes its own comment upon the trustworthiness of such professions.

Once again, the West has

learned that "friendship" from Communist rulers is never to be taken at its mere face value. Mr. Khrushchev's more candid threat to "bury" us will long survive the man who uttered it.

It may be that the Government's drastic action has indeed been too long delayed. Evidently it was prompted by information provided by a defector from the K.G.B. There is room to wonder why it was necessary for such evidence to become available by chance before the necessary measures were taken. In such matters criticism can be only tentative, and there may have been sound intelligence reasons for delay.

All the same, the mushrooming growth of Soviet representatives here has been apparent for a long time. It seemed odd that Russia had more agents of one sort or another here than in any other Western country. They come out single spies, but in battalions.

At last, however, the necessary hygienic operation has been performed and precautions have been taken for the future. Significantly, the intelligence onslaught which has culminated in this unparalleled exposure has coincided with what will presumably be the final stage of Britain's long negotiations with Europe. The Sunday Telegraph has already disclosed the intensity of the Communist Governments' campaign against British entry into the Community.

No doubt this campaign will continue. It is to be hoped now, however, that the latest revelations of hostile plotting and intrigue will assist the British people to see it in its true light.

THESE and other passages in an historic and courageous summing-up by Mr. Justice Caulfield blew an enormous hole below the water-line of Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act of 1911. It was under this Section that *The Sunday Telegraph* and its Editor, with Mr. Jonathan Aitken, a free-lance journalist, and Colonel Douglas Cairns, Britain's senior observer during the Nigerian civil war, were prosecuted following the publication in this newspaper of a report by Colonel R. E. Scott, Defence Adviser to the British High Commission in Lagos; and the summing-up was given at the Old Bailey earlier this year when all the defendants were acquitted and costs were awarded against the Crown.

Now a Government-appointed Committee of Inquiry, under the chairmanship of Lord Franks, is examining the battered bulk. It has to decide whether salvage is possible or if the wreck should be sent to the bottom without trace or perhaps replaced by a more modern, streamlined vessel.

Its proceedings are likely to be protracted. That its task is also extremely complex is obvious from the first and perhaps the most rewarding part of a book by Mr. Aitken published last week. This describes the almost farcical origins of the first Official Secrets Act of 1889; it shows how the Act of 1911 was begotten by spy hysteria and conceived in fear; and it traces the use made of that Act against the Press and others since its passing.

Three propositions must be

* Officially Secreted by Jonathan Aitken (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £3.00).

advanced in the light of the history of the Act:

1. That the freest possible flow of information, consistent with national security, is essential to the health of a parliamentary democracy.
2. That Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act inhibits that flow because it is so widely drawn that it makes it an absolute offence for anyone holding any office under the Crown to communicate any information, however trivial, to any unauthorised person, and an offence for that person to receive it.
3. That particularly in view of the huge growth over the past 50 years in the power and paternalism of the State the time has come either to abolish or drastically to reform Section 2.

On the first proposition, a sharp distinction must be made between national "security" and the undefined and indefinable concept of national "interest." Some Official Secrets Act is necessary to deal with espionage, treason and defence secrets. No responsible editor would wish to publish information to aid the enemies of his country or to imperil its safety. Section 1 of the Act deals with these matters and is outside the terms of reference of the Franks Committee; and although its wording is susceptible of some improvement, it must be left substantially as it is.

But national "interest" is a different matter. Not the least of the difficulties in attempting to define it is that any Government of the day tends to equate the national interest with its own. And thus, as Mr. Aitken demonstrates, the Official Secrets Act can be, and has been, used in an attempt to save Ministers and civil servants from embarrassment or to protect

them from charges of incompetence or deceit.

The desire of the bureaucracy to preserve the Act for this purpose was implicit in an extraordinary and revealing statement by Mr. John Mathew, leading counsel for the Crown at the Old Bailey, when he said: "The whole structure of government would fall down if people had complete freedom to communicate any document that was not a document useful to an enemy."

What, then, is it to be hoped that the Franks Committee will recommend? There would seem to be three courses open to it. The first would be to leave Section 2 roughly as it is, and to rely on Mr. Justice Caulfield's summing-up having made it largely ineffective by establishing a precedent—and the administration of justice in Britain always has a strong regard for precedent. The weakness of this is that what a judge has made another judge can unmake, and there would be no long-term security for those against whom the Section could be used.

The second course, and ideally the best, would be to abolish Section 2 and put nothing in its place, thus attempting the kind of "open society" which prevails in the United States (or perhaps one should say, has prevailed until the still undecided affair of the Pentagon Papers). The objection to this is not only that public, parliamentary and official opinion is almost certainly not ready for such a sweeping reform (and it would be a mistake to underestimate the "hate" element in the love-hate relationship which exists between politicians and the Press) but that there are certain secrets, not bearing directly on national security, which commonsense says should be protected. These would include certain Budget proposals, matters concerning international finance,

and contemporary communications between Government and our embassies abroad. Premature revelation especially of these last might so aid the country's enemies as to impinge on its security.

The third course, therefore, would be to amend Section 2, or to replace the present Section by a new one, as to cover such matters and such matters only. The danger is, as Mr. Crossman has said, that we shall be presented with a mastiff in place of a toothless bloodhound. The final, and shortest, part of Mr. Aitken's book deals with these considerations.

The essential thing is that the new Section 2 should be strictly limited and defined instead of all-embracing as at present. (Mr. Aitken makes the novel suggestion that this might best be done by substituting for it a new Civil Service Information Act.) At the same time the necessity for the Attorney-General's fiat before a prosecution can be brought under it should be abrogated and the matter left to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

At the moment, an Attorney-General, however great his integrity, is in an impossible position. He has to decide whether to prosecute on purely legal grounds, yet at the same time is a member of a Government whose interests may be vitally involved in his decision. Even a saint should not be faced with such a temptation, and saints are probably as rare among Attorney-Generals as among the rest of us. This change would go far to remove any suspicion that a prosecution was politically motivated.

I would add a third reform. Under any new Section 2 or its replacement, any offence should lie in the first communication of the information, not in receiving it or in further communicating it. (In the Pentagon Papers affair, Dr. Ellsberg, who has admitted leaking the documents on Vietnam, has been prosecuted, but not, so far, the *New York Times*.) This might well involve changes in the internal discipline of the Civil Service and perhaps to some extent in its traditional rôle, but it would at a stroke remove any suggestion of censorship of the Press.

Exceptions, of course, would have to be made in cases where information had been obtained by bribery or corrupt practices, but these could be dealt with under the ordinary law.

The middle, and by far the longest, part of "Officially Secreted" consists of a lengthy account of *The Sunday Telegraph* case and the events which led up to it. Mr. Aitken sees himself as occupying the centre of the stage throughout—indeed, he refers to it as "my case" and the dust jacket describes him as "the principal defendant"—and we are treated to an extensive account of his part, to quote Mr. Jeremy Hutchinson, Q.C., in "the realms of politics, dinner parties, port, Federal and Biffard lobbies, Yorkshire Televi-

sion, Hansard and the House Commons." Mr. Mathew, in a closing address, said "perhaps" (Mr. Aitken) sees himself in a rather more important rôle than he merits.

It was not, of course, an individual in the case which gave it its importance, but the fact that a national newspaper had been indicted on a criminal charge of doing what it considered to be its duty. Cynics may smile at that, but a newspaper is a hybrid animal; it exists, naturally, to make profits for its owners, but there is also an element of public service involved in even the most "popular" organ of the Press.

Papers such as the *Daily Mirror* and the *People* rendered such service in the time, no less than more "serious" publications. The fact that the Official Secrets Act prosecution was threatened to the whole Press was underlined by the support, public and private, which *The Sunday Telegraph* received from the firm moment from its contemporary

Mr. Aitken, however, is intensely autobiographical. Modest is not one of his virtues. He deserves frankly his somewhat devious conduct towards Major General Alexander during his police inquiries which preceded prosecution. He uses sarcasm, circumlocutions as "verbal subterfuges," "prevarications," "inaccurate statements," and "untruthful remarks."

On other matters he is perhaps a little less than frank. No or would deduce from his book that *The Sunday Telegraph*, which bought the Scott Report from a reputable literary agency, never explicitly told before publication that Mr. Aitken was its provider and purveyor.

Moreover, the newspaper gave the names of Mr. Aitken and Mr. Hugh Fraser, M.P., as individuals whom it might advantageously consult about the Report because they had special knowledge of and interest in Nigeria; we were not informed that they had formed an alliance to get the Report published, as were acting in unison from political motives, as is described in the book. The casual reader may get the impression that Mr. Aitken has a vision of himself as a knight in shining armour riding on a subversive *Sunday Telegraph* horse to tilt at the dragon of the Official Secrets Act; it is not a entirely accurate picture.

But these are now matters of history. The future lies with the Franks Committee. While we wait patiently for its recommendations and the debates which will follow inside and outside Parliament, Mr. Aitken's book will serve to keep the pot boiling.

Ulster test for British will: Peregrine Worsthorne writes on Page 13

To the Point

Safety of Israel

ONE Egyptian and one Israeli plane have been shot down over the Suez Canal this month, and there was a little desultory firing across it last week. Apart from this the ceasefire has held because, for the moment, both sides want it so.

There is still time, at the United Nations and elsewhere, for diplomacy to seek a more lasting peace, but this will not be achieved if Egypt's national pride is given too much precedence over Israel's security. It is difficult to judge the true nature of the former, even from the remarkable extracts we are publishing from Mohammed Heikal's record of the political career of his friend and master, Nasser; but the latter is an historical imperative.

Justice at Bay

THE acquittal of Captain Medina, who commanded the company of the American Army involved in the My Lai massacre, presumably concludes the American Government's attempt to bring to justice those responsible for this terrible act of inhumanity. Of all the 13 men originally charged, only Lt. Calley was convicted, and even his sentence was commuted from life to 30 years. The President, acting under popular pressure, had previously ordered his release from close detention pending review of sentence.

Those who argue that all efforts to uphold civilised rules of warfare are doomed to fail will find their worst fears confirmed by this dismal record. The attempt to uphold such rules was certainly made, for which the United States deserves credit. But it has signally failed, for which Mr. Nixon has to take some of the blame.

Loaded Scales

THE support of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, adds considerable weight to moves to abolish the Law Society's rule preventing solicitors from undercutting statutory scale charges for buying and selling houses.

If the prop is knocked away, lawyers can hardly complain. Scale charges were criticised three times by the Prices and Incomes Board, and also by the Monopolies Commission.

Solicitors will doubtless raise the bogey that competition would be against the public interest, but without saying how. In fact, voluntary home-owners' associations have performed the routine legal work on conveyancing for some years, and without any obvious ill-effects.

Love's Letter Lost

WHEN a painting as famous as Vermeer's "The Love Letter" is stolen, we all feel a personal loss. Even if we have never visited the Rijksmuseum we know it through countless reproductions, but the disappearance of the original seems to rob them of vitality.

The ultimate thief, the receiver, has acquired no marketable commodity. For fear of discovery he can share its beauty only with crooks as evil as himself. What perverted pleasure he may derive from this must surely be diminished by the thought that the lovely object in his cellar is, for him, a time-bomb.

Bunn-fight

IT is a curious fact of life that almost any squabble at a sporting event has the power to plunge the country into urgent and solemn debate. The nation will no doubt breathe more easily now that the affair of Mr. Harvey Smith and his vulgar gesture has been harmoniously resolved by a handshake between him and Mr. Douglas Bunn. At least there will be more time to discuss the other grave matter of the hour—the football referees' disturbing new habit of enforcing the rules of the game.

Before the Bunn-fight is mercifully forgotten, however, it may be recalled that in the age of chivalry the gentleman on horseback was taken as the model of polite behaviour. To the age of competitive show-jumping, we must evidently look elsewhere.

Two views of the anti-permissives

MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE writes an open letter to Peregrine Worsthorne

Writing on this page last week, Peregrine Worsthorne questioned the value of the Festival of Light promoted by objectors to present-day permissiveness, and accused the objectors themselves of not being willing to back words with actions in imposing their personal attitudes on others.

At the same time he argued that "such populist tactics as the Festival of Light and the intellectual community at the very moment when it is groping towards a more sensible attitude on its own... Festivals of Light merely make the people who matter switch off."

Today Malcolm Muggeridge replies in an open letter to Peregrine Worsthorne.

DEAR Perry, The arguments you adduce for considering the Festival of Light a misguided enterprise, in so far as I can sort them out in a, for you, somewhat imprecise and meandering piece, would seem to be the following:

(1) The numbers of those who deplore the present trend in contemporary mores are so small that to call them into the streets can only serve to expose the feebleness of their cause.

(2) A return to "Victorian rigour" such as, in your estimation, the Festival advocates is quite inconceivable, permissiveness today being, "not a minority cult or an elitist fetish," but a "near-universal practice."

(3) In any case, we, the anti-permissives—especially me—are "profoundly hypocritical" in that we are not prepared to suffer, or to impose suffering on others, in support of our principles. This does not mean, you kindly add, that we do not ourselves live the Christian lives we recommend;

many of us "doubtless do," but that "is not the point."

(4) I am completely mistaken when I contended that the media, especially television, are monopolised today by treacherous believers in permissiveness. This was true during the last decade or so, but today a publisher who makes a speciality in four-letter-word literature is "seen as more of a menace than ever Mrs. Grundy was." You yourself, for instance, are in constant demand by "television producers, magazine editors, university debate organisers, almost desperately anxious to find spokesmen for the anti-permissive view."

I hope that's a fair summary. Let me now try to answer the various points you raise. Regarding (1), like Kierkegaard I don't believe in numbers; my support for the Festival is based on a conviction that what it stands for is right and true, which would not be affected one way or the other if 20 people turned up in Trafalgar Square, or a million. It's true that I've been urging others to come so that we may encourage and strengthen one another, and perhaps, in the process, impress mandarins of the media like you, my dear Perry. This, however, is as a means, not an end.

Regarding (2), no one connected with the Festival, as far as I know, has advocated a return to "Victorian rigour"—whatever that may mean. We have a positive purpose, which is to proclaim our faith in the Christian revelation and the way of life associated with it; we stand up and say that we still believe that to be carnally minded is death, and that to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

I entirely agree that permissiveness is today "a near-universal practice," as it was in cities like Rome and Corinth when St. Paul addressed his letters to their first Christian congregations. This did not lead him to modify the demands he made on his followers in the way of virtuous behaviour; nor to instruct them to agitate for legislation enforcing higher moral standards. We follow St. Paul, and would only contend that intrusive public inducements in an opposite sense, especially when aimed at children, should be restricted as far as possible by law.

To try to live in accordance with the teaching of Christ and St. Paul is, of course, very difficult, especially in a society like ours dedicated to materialist and carnal pursuits. Inevitably, we fail, but not, as you suggest in (3), because we are hypocrites; rather, because we are weak and sinful.

Your notion that we can only show our sincerity by authoritarian practices, directed against our children if they err, and embodied in laws for enforcing moral behaviour by the State, is quite alien to our purpose.

As Christians, we must love our children more and help them more if they are persuaded, or choose, to fall away from Christian standards; the whole point of the Gospels is, surely, that the law is ineffectual in making men virtuous, and that they need grace and redemption—to be reborn. According to you, we offend against our professed standards when we follow Christ in being merciful to the woman taken in adultery, telling her to go away and sin no more. Actually, it is this very sublime attitude which we dare to aspire to: the light of the Festival is, precisely, that light called the Light of the World.

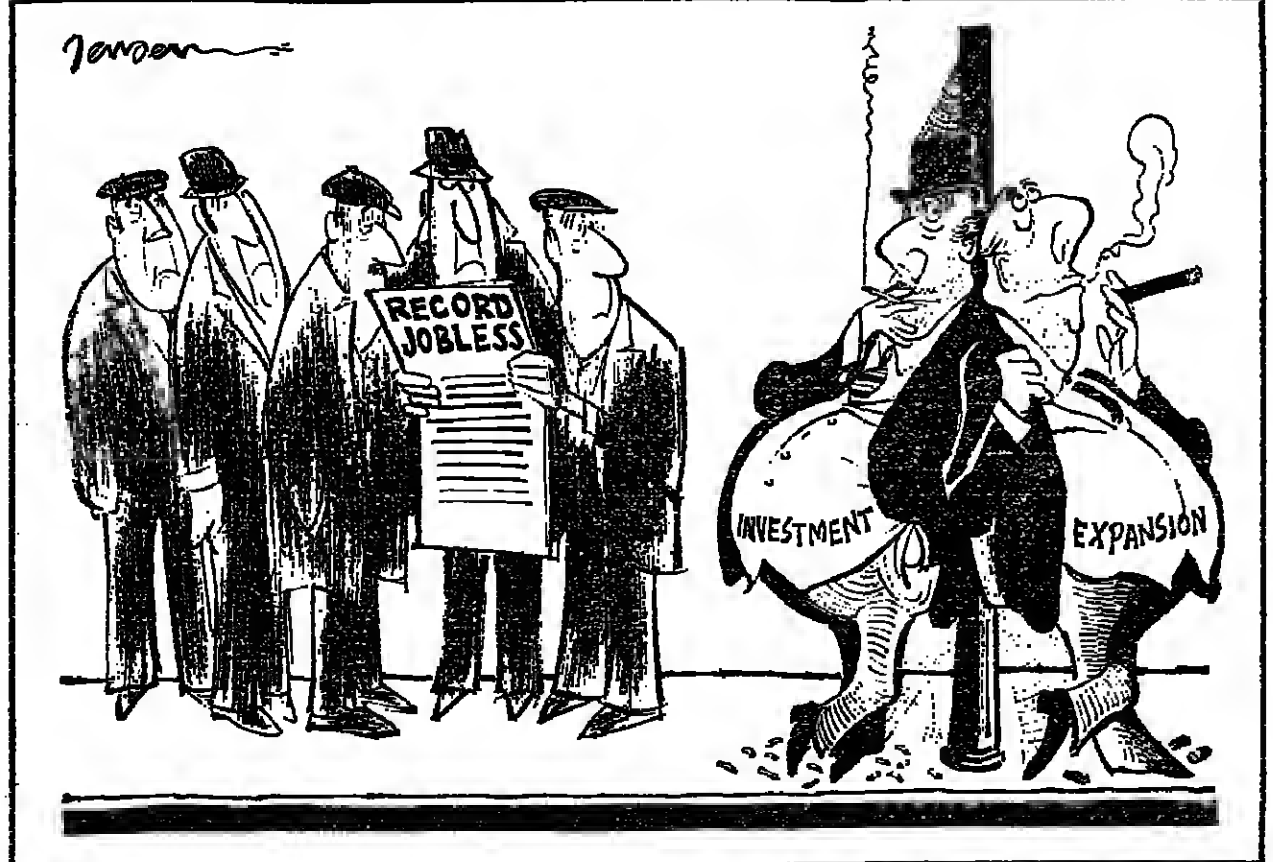
As for (4), I simply cannot agree with you. I recently consented to act as a judge in a fiction contest—the Booker Award, with a prize of £5,000. Each publisher submitted two novels, presumably considered by him to be the fine flower of his fiction list. The great bulk of the novels were so full of four-letter words and every variety of sick erotica that I had to withdraw, nauseated and appalled. Anyway, I felt quite unable to form any coherent judgment about writing which seemed to me as tenth-rate aesthetically as it was squalid morally.

In the light of this experience, your notion of publishers who specialise in four-letter words being on the way out quite failed to strike home as far as I was concerned.

May I, by the way, as an old pro, point out that there is some disparity between your statement that permissiveness is not "a minority cult or elitist fetish," and your conclusion that "the sexual revolution was an elitist achievement." By elite I presume you mean yourself and me and all the others who air their views on "Any Questions?" "The Question, Why?" and other such forums.

Are we really, as you say, the "people that matter"? I wonder! I agree that there aren't many such connected with the Festival of Light; but then nor were there many, if any, among those who followed Christ, or even among those who responded to St. Paul. His encounter with them in Athens, you will remember, was one of his less happy experiences as an evangelist.

MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE



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Inside the K.G.B. net

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ONE of the most detailed descriptions of Soviet espionage operations was given in a book published in this country by a former Soviet diplomat and intelligence agent in the Soviet Embassy in Rangoon, Burma.

He had defected to the American Embassy in Rangoon after his disillusionment with the Soviet regime.

In his book, *Inside a Soviet Embassy*, the diplomat, Mr. Aleksandr Kazhachev, described the work of the Political Intelligence Group to which he belonged and points out that it was not the only Soviet intelligence unit operating in Burma.

There is evidence that the K.G.B. organisation maintains a strong discipline in achieving its aims, and that it has been exposed as having a confusion of aims.

He said that all the personnel of the groups were of three general types: the core consisting of professional intelligence officers—full members of the Soviet Intelligence Service—with diplomatic rank, which, however, did not reflect their real positions within the Intelligence Service. These people were simply planted at any available vacant posts as long as the posts provided them with diplomatic immunity.

Mr. Kazhachev was quite aware that his own Ambassador in Rangoon was often in a humiliating position to K.G.B. operatives to the Embassy building, outwardly, much lower ranks.

"The position of the ambassador in his own embassy was definitely not a pleasant one. The constant exposure of the political intelligence personnel at the cost of foreign ministry's money left him very few cadres on whom he could rely in carrying out the routine Embassy work."

"He never could be sure even of those diplomats who still, at least jurisdictionally, remained under his command. The Ambassador was practically stripped of his powers and authority when the biggest and most important part of the Embassy mechanism, the Internal Section, was placed under the control of the Political Intelligence."

"The official responsibility of the Ambassador for the whole work of the Soviet missions in Burma constantly put him in the spot—any success was naturally first claimed by the intelligence groups; any mistake was first blamed on him."

The former Russian diplomat also tells of an amusing incident typical of occasional intelligence bungling in missions abroad. There had been a party given at the Soviet Embassy for leading Burmese personalities.

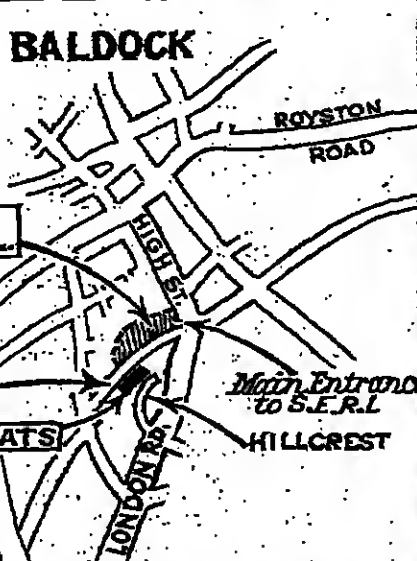
The intelligence chiefs in the Embassy had beforehand decided that the Burmese guests should be asked several questions during the party, in the guise of ordinary cocktail chat.

But when the Burmese guests left the embassy and compared notes they found to their huge amusement that they had all been asked the identical sets of questions by all the Russian hosts they had talked to during the party. It had been all rather obvious and shameful.

And what of K.G.B. retaliation to the present expulsions? Sir William Bayler, Warden of New College, Oxford, British Ambassador to Moscow from 1953 to 1957, and who has since published several works on aspects of Russian diplomacy, feels the Russians must be desperately thinking up something new in the way of retaliation.

"They usually do a knock for knock, a body for body, but if they did that to this case the British mission would have to close. They'd have to send every body home, and they cannot want the implications of that."

"Our embassy there and elsewhere in Eastern Europe might be in for a dangerous period of persecution and harassment. I'm very glad I'm out there now."



Low the Russians came to Baldock

NUMBER of Russian organisations have been running the 105 expelled an "spies" but of three have been (sub) to a particularly investigation by security men.

The United Machinery Division Ltd, a plant hire based in Letchworth, with branches at Don and Bristol.

The Russian Technical Optical Equipment Ltd, retail showrooms in Holborn, and a nerve in North London.

The Russian Wood Ltd, ostensibly head-timber imports into from modern glass offices in the north of a block in Parker, W.C.2.

These three, U.M.O., as the hire firm is generally, is the most interesting, over 1969 permission was by the Treasury and the

then Board of Trade for it to be incorporated as a British registered company with a share capital of £200,000. Its business is to introduce Russian civil engineering and road building equipment to the British market.

The Russian directors and employees, led by Mr. Vasily Borisov and Mr. Dmitri Tolstoy, chose to live in flats a mile away—in Hillcrest, a quiet cul-de-sac in Baldock, the Hertfordshire market town.

Only a bush-lined, poorly-lit path separated the Russian homes from the hooded, barbed-wire perimeter of Baldock's top-secret Services Electronics Research Laboratory.

The laboratory, set up to co-ordinate research for the three services, has strict security controls with service police at its gates. Visitors have to wear identity tags and are only allowed into certain parts of the building. It is the centre for government work on gas lasers, semi-conductor lasers and for comprehensive research into the whole range of electronic components.

For several years, it has been exploring the potential of lasers for use in connection with three dimensional aerial photography and as navigational aids for atomic powered submarines. It is reasonable to question the wisdom of allowing the U.M.O. Russians to live literally on the doorstep of one of Britain's top-secret establishments—when the Foreign Office names their firm as harbouring spies.

The U.M.O. headquarters in Letchworth are a short distance from the home of Britain's biggest computer manufacturer, I.C.L., whose latest addition to their Letchworth complex is a factory making small and medium range computers, and peripheral equipment for advanced computers. This factory is next door to the U.M.O. depot.

The Foreign Office revealed this week that specific targets for Russian agents include firms and laboratories working on electronics, transformers and computer circuits.

The Russians living with their families in the Hillcrest cul-de-sac have made friends and their children attend local schools. One little Russian girl, Katya Tolstoy, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. Dmitri Tolstoy, U.M.O.'s deputy managing

director, should have been at school when the term began earlier this month. But she and her family have not returned from summer holidays in Moscow.

Her father, aged about 50, does not speak much English. "He was always at the side of Mr. Borisov, the managing director," recalls someone who knew them well.

Mr. Borisov, portly and with close-cropped hair, told us in Baldock yesterday: "Our firm is doing well. Of course, this year has not been good for the plant business, but we find that our equipment is popular."

His wife and teenage daughter who had been living with him in Hillcrest, Baldock, recently left to return to Moscow.

There are 15 flats in Hillcrest, nine of them occupied by Russians. Local residents paint a picture of a high turnover in Russian occupants, an impression confirmed by Baldock police who have registered eight new Russian arrivals in Hillcrest in the last five months. New arrivals do not move directly into the Hillcrest flats; many stay temporarily in the town's hotels, the George and Dragon and the Rose and Crown.

The activities of U.M.O. are not confined to Hertfordshire. The team of mechanics and engineers must do no more under Foreign Office rules than notify the local police station in Baldock of their movements before travelling to the Doocaster and Bristol depots, as well as to contracts anywhere in the country.

U.M.O.'s depot at Doncaster—it is actually on the outskirts at Kirk Saddall—was opened in 1970. It employs about 20 people, including five Russians, four of them technicians and the fifth, a local director of the firm, Mr. Viatcheslav Pastushkov.

The five live in council houses at Kirk Saddall, three miles from Doocaster and less than 12 miles from R.A.F. Bawtry, the headquarters of Number One Group Strike Command.

An R.A.F. source told us yesterday that Bawtry would probably be of great interest to any foreign power. Although Bawtry, being only the administrative headquarters of Number One Group, houses little top-secret equipment, personnel there have up-to-date information on all the latest equipment to use throughout the command.

U.M.O.'s earth-moving dumper trucks are currently working on the M5 Motorway in the Clevedon Hills, Somerset—15 miles from the British Aircraft Corporation's Concorde works at Filton, Bristol. It is feared that once Concorde secrets have found their way to the Tupolev TU-144 project in Russia.

Another Russian firm, subjected to special scrutiny by M.I.5 is Russian Technical and Optical Equipment Ltd, ostensibly suppliers of inexpensive cameras, radios and microscopes in England.

Registered in Britain in 1967, the firm took over a British import agency named Fasid Enterprises Ltd.

Technical and Optical Equipment showrooms in High Holborn are supplied by a parent firm, Technical and Optical Equipment (London) Ltd, which operates from an unfashionable address at Number One, Thane Villas, Holloway, North London.

The staff of about 12 Russians travel daily from the Highgate trade delegation headquarters, T.O.E. (London) Ltd, is thought to have been under continuous M.I.5 surveillance for at least two years.

The staff there were said by an employee at the Holborn showrooms to be "constantly changing." He said: "It is amazing to think that anyone connected with this firm could possibly be suspected of spying. As far as we are concerned, we are in competitive business and are selling a lot of extremely good products."

Yesterday the showrooms were open for business, operated, as usual, by English counter staff. The Russian Wood Agency Ltd, third of the most suspect firms, has its headquarters in the centre of London. It operates from the ninth floor of Moagement House, a block of offices named after its highest tenant, the British Institute of Management.

The Russian Wood Agency staff arrive each weekday morning at 8.30 a.m. to a Highgate trade delegation building, which parks on the yellow line outside the glass-fronted vestibule. The staff leave at 5.40 p.m. regularly each day and return to Highgate.

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OPEC threat to oil groups

If it isn't money, OPEC now wants to take a direct stake in the major oil companies. Middle East concessions. The market didn't take much notice of the news last week. It was dominated by BP's mighty rights issue, but it is the market right to shrug it off.

The eight countries concerned, Iran, Nigeria and the Arab states, bar Algeria, want to turn the operating companies, the major international groups' production concerns, into joint ventures, by taking a 20 p.c. interest and compensating the companies for a proportion of their assets. Initially this will give the stocks a more direct say in the domestic spheres of production rates, exploration investment, and concession relinquishment, plus a share of the oil produced. They will either sell the oil themselves or ask the companies to market on a commission basis.

OPEC is expected to call the companies to an extraordinary conference to discuss its plans sometime in 1972. The majors naturally are unanimously opposed to participation. The negotiations will be long and hard, far harder and longer than the last OPEC/company confrontation on prices in Teheran and Tripoli earlier this year.

The longer term fear is that this will be the thin end of the wedge. Libya is already calling for a majority stake and while other OPEC members may think that this is rushing things a bit, they all, eventually, want to take over the entire production of their industry.

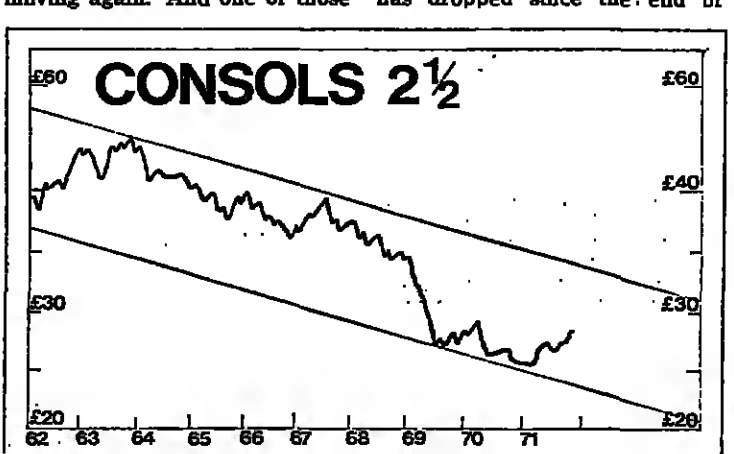
CAN it be that we are seeing the end of the long bear market in gilts? It may be tempting fate to ask this of a market which has seen so many false starts in the past, but last week gilt-edged were booming. When prices go up by £1 as they did on Friday, it is more than just a rush of blood to the head.

The institutions were buying heavily and, helped along by professional trading, prices ended the week at levels they had not seen for years.

The belief is that the days of 9 p.c. yields in government stocks are over. There is a rush to get in while you can still get 8½ p.c. or more. If the conviction becomes widespread that they are going below 8 p.c. it could turn into a stampede.

There are both domestic and external reasons why the long end of the gilt-edged market might be about to take off. The rather frightening rise in unemployment, it is argued, is causing the Government acute embarrassment and they are likely to pull out every stop to get the economy moving again. And one of those

the new "tap" stock Treasury 8½ p.c. 87-90 was half-point below the older Treasury 8½ p.c. 1987; and that the new "tap" stock had a slightly shorter date so that it didn't weigh too heavily on the long end of the market.



measures is lower long-term interest rates.

The important point is that whatever measures are taken they will take some time to have any effect, so the "bills" are expected to last for many months.

If you want evidence of official nudging in this direction, there's plenty of it. The fact, for example, that prices of the long-dated "tap" stocks have been edged up; that the coupon on

But there is more to the "external" question than just keeping hot money out. The fiscal arbiter of the level of world interest rates is the United States, and there is no man with a more fervent desire to get interest rates down (or at least keep them down) than President Nixon.

What could short the new found optimism in gilt-edged is an international trade war and an acceleration in the rate of inflation. On the first we may pray that commonsense will prevail; and on the second we can reasonably hope that the worst of the inflationary pressures have been seen. Certainly there are more forces working against inflation now than ever before, with the United States and ourselves in a recession. Japan below par and Germany beginning to slow down.

Not until the pace of inflation is sharply reduced can we hope to see yields on long-dated and irredeemable stocks down to, say, 7 p.c. But that's saying a great deal. Such a drop would push Consols 2½ p.c. now standing at £28½ to almost £36.

That would be a highly significant move for it would break the top line of a long-term trend channel that has been running, believe it or not, since 1946. That's why the question is being asked: Have we seen the end of the long bear market in gilts? If we have it will be good for the equity markets too.

Teaming up in tyres

ONE of the least publicised stories of last week was the news that Brown Brothers Albany and Standard Tyre had agreed in principle to merge. In fact, the terms have almost been agreed as well;

its just a case of tying up the loose ends.

Both Standard and Albany Tyre (which only a year ago tied up with Brown Brothers which is in the motor accessory market) have been growing extremely fast in the tyre retailing field in the last few years.

Standard appears to have been the more aggressive, increasing its profitability per depot by installing exhaust fitting and other services at the replacement end of the motor trade. But it is the rationalisation benefits, such as a streamlined operation plus higher purchasing power of a combined group that are the key points to the deal.

And applying Standards' significantly higher margins to Albany's tyre sales (19½ p.c. against around 14 p.c.) should also produce extremely encouraging results.

A merger will give both groups a broader base and together there will also be a strong underlying property asset position.

One must not overlook the motor accessory side in the arguments in favour of the merger. After all Brown Bros will still be the larger in terms of turnover. Future acquisitions are likely to be both in the tyre retailing and accessory fields, particularly into electrical retail as Brown Albany's abortive bid for J. and F. Stone clearly demonstrated last May. Standards' year ended last month and Brown Albany's ends in December. Together they could show £3 million before tax which applying say an 18 p.c. earnings ratio (which takes account of the big integration benefits and growth potential) indicates a price of about 250p. for the combined group against about 187p. for both at present, which suggests the market is going for a one-for-one offer by BBA for Standard.

The terms should not differ much from this expectation. But what could throw a new light on the situation is a possible counter-proposal for Standard. Already Lex are being mentioned as an interested candidate and, names like Quinton Hazell and even Tube's have also been heard. Thus Standard Tyre still looks an interesting buy in the market.

Mayfair Duke's new town plans

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IMF jamboree

Schweitzer attacks U.S. import surcharge

From Alan Osborn
in Washington

THE IMF meeting which begins today was given a challenging send-off by the fund's managing director, M. Pierre-Paul Schweitzer, yesterday in his customary Press conference. He commented sourly on the Nixon import surcharge, deploring with visible horror the thought that it might last a year and obviously desiring and expecting its removal to be part of the "initial package" of exchange rate adjustments.

The fund chief stated that a realignment of currencies acceptable to the Americans would be impossible unless the dollar were devalued first.

Establishing a new round of currency parities would be the first item of business next week, M. Schweitzer said. He hinted it could be dealt with fairly quickly, though not

necessarily during the meeting. But needing far more time would be such questions as the Americans' desire for hardening trade practices and so on.

A provocative stand then so far as the Americans are concerned and one which promises fireworks at the Sheraton Park Hotel, where the meeting is being held, over the next few days.

A man to watch at the Sheraton Park Hotel, where the meeting takes place, will be Henry Reuss, a craggy-faced Congressman from Wisconsin, who is probably better known as most to his own constituents in Maryland. Shrewd and well-informed, is international monetary expertise in the U.S. Congress; and if there is a consensus among its 550-odd members on gold, he is the man to ask about it.

Why should you? Well, one reason is that Reuss himself has changed his mind this week and there are many who read his judgment. Until a few days ago Reuss spoke for the Liberal/Conservative majority in Congress that wanted no part of any change in the price of gold, because it would (a) reward the undeserving (for whom read South Africa, Russia, France) and (b) penalise the trusting (Japan, Germany and others who have stood by the dollar).

Reuss now thinks a "modest" increase in the price of gold would do no great harm in this area, and wouldn't amount to anything of importance elsewhere. The point of it though would be that it would silence those of America's critics who insist that the U.S. is not all bluff. Reuss, as a loyal Democrat, is of course unresponsive to the comment that to raise the gold price would be to devalue the dollar and thus amount, in political terms, to virtually losing a war.

Reuss's switch is particularly fascinating and important when seen in juxtaposition with two other events. The first is that it was his International Payments House, Sub-Committee that argued with rare persuasion and in meticulous detail for a float of the dollar in early August. Just before Mr. Nixon did exactly that. And second, he made his new position known just as speculative reports had begun to suggest that the Nixon Government itself was coming round to contemplation, at least of a gold price change. According to a Japanese news agency report IMF had drawn up, in co-operation with the U.S., a package of currency changes that included a dollar-gold devaluation.

Reuss could be an uncanny prophet of President Nixon's actions, a key Democrat to be consulted by the White House on monetary initiatives before hand—or perhaps just someone

who noted how short the week was getting. This week was

Meanwhile, the Nixon argument itself has just been what could quite easily be a kite or a smoke-screen. Washington Post and the New York Times—in strikingly similar language—have just reports from anonymous government officials who say the U.S. goal at the IMF meeting is an average dollar devaluation of 15 p.c. Its effect will be both by collective bilateral discussions (the Sheraton Park meeting is expected to have its quota of the smoke-screen much loved by Americans), its concessions (the surcharge and a higher price are negotiable only in extreme situations) and its effect by all accounts trucking

The purpose of this piece is to illustrate the present state of the Nixon argument. The Americans can be seen to have a certain amount of it. They have just been on the ceiling end of it from a French (M. Pompidou) and Japanese (Mr. Sato) and Mr. Nixon's own quest and answer session with Detroit Economic Club. Thursday night illustrates it well as anyone who reads the decidedly pungent Times as well as events could be a short fuse.

IMF rules have been broad with increasing frequency in past year and nothing in the rule of the principal members the status of the fund itself is present disaster.

For all that, M. Schweitzer still seems likely to be cast the role of nifty sister to Bob McNamara's Cinderella.

Mr. McNamara as head of the World Bank is as much in need of development funds—or rather his client countries are—as he. But he has chosen a different pitch, a more oblique, though perhaps no less controversial, answer towards his goal of fulfilment for poor nations. Leaked versions of his speech available last week were relied on.

The World Bank itself, and only it, is well on its way to self-imposed targets of doubling aid to the five-year period mid-1973. Now it seeks broader more challenging targets for itself. Not simply to material prosperity to its but to ensure that such prosperity means more jobs and more equitable distribution of wealth. It is a role that is not universally accepted, because its goals are unworkable but perhaps because the World Bank may simply not be a proper agency to play it. He is a goodly debate in the making and one that we should not not entirely overshadowed the dollar and its trials and tribulations.



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ECONOMIC OPINION

Rules needed for floating... Do nothing about unemployment

think that any discussion of the dollar "crisis" and the International Monetary Fund conference has to do with a mention of Sam Nujoma.

book "The Price of Freedom" advocates floating exchange rates just at the time of the L.M.F. meeting in Copenhagen, and with efficiency for a publisher, copies made available at the time itself.

experts were virtually unanimous in their verdict. It was controversial, stimulating, but no, it was not a practical move. Practical men were more interested in the widening of bands.

I didn't take long for to have its revenge. Up until, floating rates were desirable. From May on, were in fashion, and for six weeks, the President Nizkor's bombshell, they were the rule.

they come about there will be economic problems. I'll be blamed for it as an earthly paradise.

came back to me during which there has been another leak from M.F. This time apparently a 7 p.c. revaluation of a pound, and in which "floating" has become the rule.

far can a float be called if most of the Government concerned make the strenuous efforts to prevent currencies appreciating by anything like the rate which would be expected? We have the extraordinary spectacle at Germany, while securing countries of "dirty" buying many millions of dollars in attempt to keep the D-Mark.

this stage I have only two to say: the first is that, if swift agreement of there is no sign, the urgent need is for the or conventions of floating defined, internationally re still in the pre-Take Panel phase. A code not be perfect but it is better than nothing: the L.M.F. would do to be drawing one up in attempting to arrive at any parties on the old all League principle: "top teams for promotion; two for relegation?"

absurdity of this is by the fact that Britain is misfortune to be at the table, along with a Germany, which economic position is surely different from theirs.

what arbitrator, given paradoxes of Britain's on today, can conceivably at a suitable value for pound—or at any rate at but could still look suit in twelve months time.

and I still feel, as I said in my piece "Get America's come weeks the utmost sympathy years America has been to reduce its payments. Now she has started

doing so, a chorus begs her not to return too quickly.

"Carry on shoring for a little while yet" is the cry. And the European countries which objected to holding so many dollars before, now refuse to sell them when they could.

for one feel no regret when I see some of those who have consistently tweaked the café till howling because she has turned round and given them a scratch. Even President Pompidou seems to be sighing for King Lear now that he has King Lear.

WHAT should the Government do about unemployment? The answer is probably "nothing". It was never rational to expect its refashioning measures to have any effect before the last quarter at the earliest. There is nothing to be said for piling on fresh measures which could only take effect next year, when this summer's very large boost has not yet worked through.

Thus it has no alternative but to keep its nerve and soldier on for a while yet. It is worth noting incidentally that the Northern Ireland figure used usually to be given separately, now television and the papers eagerly jump it in to produce the £2,000 total.

What could the Government do about unemployment? That is a much more worrying question. For the first time in many years large segments of industry are operating with the labour forces they really require rather than those they happen to have inherited.

This new thriftiness may work wonders for unit costs, but it will not work wonders for employment. It is not so much the seasonal figure of one million workless, which is trying me, horrid though it will be. It is the prospect of not getting down to say 600,000 next summer.

MY note about insurance companies brought in quite a large mailbag from fellow sufferers. One reader, insured with the Guardian received no reminder. He sent off his cheque but got no acknowledgment. Finally it emerged that the computer had inadvertently cancelled his policy so they had been wondering what his absence was for.

Another reader who has worked in the industry for many years, assured me that he is agast at the middle, delays and errors which seem an integral part of the industry's attempts to put its house in order.

In the meantime, the Phoenix has been anxious to assure me that its delays were caused by a temporary difficulty. All I can report is that any letters are now answered very promptly. I hope yours are.

But advance on one front is followed by retreat on another. The Orion, which insures the contents of my house has issued us all with new policies, replacing the old. A few marked for fringe benefits are now chucked in, but the no claims bonus is abolished and the premium goes up by nearly 40 p.c. Bye, bye Orion. I'm shopping around.

A CASUAL thought. I need a sure distance in my car with a millimeter. If we go metric do I have a kilometre-meter?

PATRICK HUTNER

GRAHAM TURNER joins the Sunday Telegraph City team



Graham Turner is going to write in the Sunday Telegraph. His monthly articles will explore industry in depth and the personalities that shape industrial events. He has a wide knowledge of industry, gained as Economics Correspondent of the B.B.C. and author of The Car Makers, Business in Britain and The Leyland Papers (to be published next month).

THE LARGEST WORKING MUSEUM IN THE WORLD

OF all the nationalised industries, the crisis in the steel industry is incomparably the deepest. To use the word "crisis" in the singular may indeed be misleading when one looks at a situation compounded of outdated plant, uncertain management, clouded prospects, political problems and unresolved personality clashes.

The largest working museum in the world is one description which has been cruelly applied to the British steel industry. The bosses of the British Steel Corporation loyally reject it, but their habitual jargon suggests that their present business is much concerned with the preservation and refurbishment of historic premises.

They talk of "heritage schemes" and produce statistics to show that this or that ancient mill has been coaxed into producing three times as much steel as it has ever done. They may point to glories to come, but they are still much concerned with the problems of an inglorious past.

"We have 25 million tons of steel capacity," said its chairman, Lord Melchett, "and we could start with a clean sheet of paper, we wouldn't have any of it."

That doesn't mean that salvation lies in a glorious new green field plan. It is said they should have embarked on such a scheme in 1969 at the time of re-nationalisation. But as the Corporation planners point out, they simply did not have the money; and if they had, they couldn't have just let their multitude of heritage plants go to rot. Building a super plant would have taken six years and what, say the men at the Corporation, was the country supposed to do for steel in the meantime? It is perfectly true that their revamped heritage plants will leave them sadly lagging behind the Japanese, but they have little option.

Unfortunately, the actual plant is only half the story. British Steel still uses home-produced coke which creates more slag than iron. It still burns large quantities of inferior British coal, with twice the sulphur content of the fuel used by the Japanese.

It still brings raw materials from abroad in a fleet of tiny ships which look like the Dunkirk armada when set against the Japanese super-carriers. It still has twice as many men as it would need if it had large, modern steel plants instead of roughly the same number of locations as Marks and Spencer.

Add the fact that, while the Japanese were pouring money into new plants during the 1960s, investment in the British industry was at a virtual standstill apart from injections of Government money.

As a result, B.S.C. does not now have a single steel plant of world size; that has forecast a loss of at least £100m. this year, and that, as for decades past, its production is determined by the Government—and you have a picture of an embattled industry.

It is a forbidding scenario and if (as I did) you ask a group of B.S.C. directors at the lunch table whether the Corporation has any commercial future, nobody laughs and nobody explodes. Well, comes the answer, we ask ourselves all the time whether we ought to go on making steel in this country.

A second man adds that, even if the corporation could match the Japanese production and the purchase of raw materials hadn't been sure they could match them in actually selling steel.

It could not have happened to a nicer group of men. Compared with the top echelons of most big British companies, the B.S.C. bosses are decency and courtesy personified.

There are the elder statesmen, who seem content to have survived the last 20 years. Then there is the next generation, which includes men with the manners of country gentlemen who talk about "dashed nice hot mills".

Others with the calm, quasi-clerical air one normally finds among joint-stock bankers; and blunt ex-proletarians. At the top, there is Lord Melchett and there is Dr. Monty Finniston.

Neither is a career steel man, which perhaps accounts for a feeling that the B.S.C. bosses are both oddly assorted and rather ill-at-ease with each other. But the duo is interesting for entirely different reasons.

Finniston, who has an 18-hour-a-day kind of dedication, is clearly impatient with the speed at which things have been done at B.S.C. He thinks crucial decisions on, for example, the closure of old plants have been delayed too long—"you don't have to look at the tenth decimal point to see which should go"—and feels that the corporation

As the British Steel Corporation prepares to sink, exhausted, into Europe, Graham Turner takes a long cool look at the state of a nationalised industry whose chairman has said: "We have 25 million tons of steel capacity. If we could start with a clean sheet of paper we wouldn't have any of it."

needs to be seized "by the scruff of the neck."

Finniston is not a believer in consensus management—"I see the other chap's point of view and then ignore it"—and he does not believe in benevolent dictatorships.

In practical terms, that means that he wants untrammelled executive power, which he still to some extent shares with Lord Melchett, and the title of chief executive. He has been pressing his claims for some time, he pressed them still further last month on a flying visit to Majorca, where Melchett was on holiday.

But the signs are that while Melchett appreciates Dr. Finniston's enthusiasm and sense of urgency, he has no intention of releasing the ultimate reins of power.

That reluctance may mean that, for the moment, Finniston's ambition both for the corporation and for himself are held in check. In the matter of closures, in particular—and he opens every meeting of group

managing directors by asking if they can't speed up the programme—he is unlikely to be allowed to follow his model, Lord Robens. "All got rid of 250,000 in five years, and if we can do it so can I, though I don't have to lose them at that rate," he says.

Lord Melchett may also feel that if Dr. Finniston were given complete executive power, the political reaction might be too great—and make the row which ended in Lord Hall's departure from the Post Office look like a Sunday school treat.

Yet the corporation does need to move fast if it is not to become a permanent lame duck, supported only by the Government's handouts.

While it is true that results have been seriously affected by the Government's restraints, had no price increases, its own management performance has not been impressive either.

In Whitehall, its recent forecasting was described as "hopelessly out"; its control over its



Lord Melchett, chairman of The British Steel Corporation

funds "very poor"—and earlier this year it was discovered that 40 per cent of its debts (i.e. £120m.) were overdue. The figure is now down to £30m., but the discovery reveals grave shortcomings in management.

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which Whitehall still seems to regard as, at best, patchy.

Even senior executives of the corporation admit that they are

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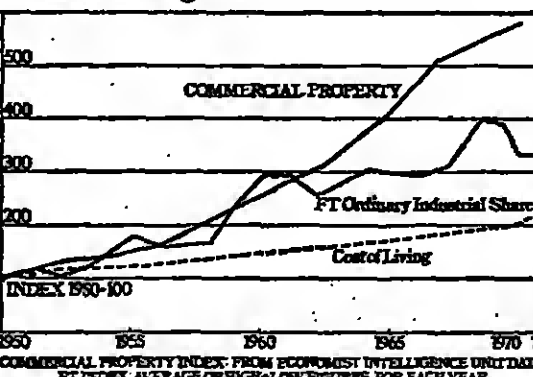
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Will British Steel's giant new plant be in S. Africa?

...million tons. Relocating existing capacity has already produced some worthwhile increases in productivity and Herbert Morley, the boss of B.S.C.'s general steel division, reckons that the new plants now beginning to come on stream could produce cost savings of as much as £10 a ton.

The corporation, furthermore, could cut its heavy transport costs quite substantially if it could use the giant Japanese bulk-carriers to bring its ore to Europe.

B.S.C. has already had talks with a number of Japanese steel companies, who are willing in principle to do a deal on the basis of shared transport costs.

All this, nevertheless, is plainly a holding operation, which will improve B.S.C.'s performance but will not bring it anywhere near Fininvest's productivity goal of 350 tons per man-year (compared with 120 tons at present), a level at which he reckons we would be matching the Japanese.

The other hope is for the discovery of some new and more efficient method of steel production, which would leave the Japanese going hard the wrong way with their plant based on blast furnaces and oxygen converters. Just how faint this hope is in the near future is shown by Fininvest's own conviction that, in the next decade, 85 per cent of the world's steel will come from large plants using the blast furnace/basic oxygen technique. But then, there is always the Common Market.

Some British industries may see union with the Six primarily as an opportunity to increase sales: not the B.S.C. Fininvest proclaims himself "not very thrilled" at the extra revenue which might flow from an open European market, simply because the present tariff barriers are not all that inhibiting.

What does interest him is that the new, enlarged Common Market could provide a superb defensive instrument to restrain the opposition.

In that sense the B.S.C.'s bosses seem to think of Britain's entry into the Common Market as a kind of Dunkirk in reverse, a *sine qua non* for survival. Without it, says Fininvest, the B.S.C. would have struggled through simply because the Government would have put up the money, but it wouldn't have made commercial sense.

Now, he thinks, there is a fighting chance of holding the fort, providing the Europeans react quickly enough to the threat of large quantities of Japanese steel arriving on their market. Although he does not believe that the Japanese have so far been guilty of dumping except in isolated cases (a point of view Lord Melchett does not share) he is certain that successfully facing up to a Japanese life and death issue for the whole European industry.

"We must work in concert to pick off the Japs," he said, "otherwise they will pick off Europe at their ease." He adds that we cannot allow our basic industries to be "cut-throat anarchy" and that if it is necessary to use unpleasant weapons to prevent that happening, then they must be used.

In other words either the Japanese must behave themselves by means of a self-denying ordinance on quotas and prices—or they must be made to do so.

Fininvest insists that this does not imply a cartel of the sort which has in the past been used to shield small numbers of large producers. It certainly involves "prescribing the rules of competition" and joint discussions on major new investment projects.

Here, at least, Fininvest and the politicians are at one: if the Japanese start trying to switch large quantities of steel from the United States to Europe, they must be strongly resisted—through the European Economic Commission.

So, as the steel corporation prepares to sink exhausted into Europe, it is all too conscious that the road ahead will be long and hard. It is slightly better pleased with the politicians than it was—John Davies is described as being "bloody good with the troops" though there is still resentment against what is felt to be undue interference from civil servants who, it is held, are not always as political as they should be. Getting these gentlemen off their backs is another powerful incentive for the B.S.C.'s bosses to move into profit.

On the other hand, they need not expect an easy ride from Ministers if they contemplate further substantial price rises—and Melchett talks of the possibility of a swingeing 22 per cent increase in 1972 if the B.S.C.'s results continue to look sick.

He complains rather plaintively that the Europeans cannot understand why the B.S.C.



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—as the biggest producer in Europe—is always the price laggard rather than the price leader.

The Government, on the other hand, is not ready to accept the B.S.C.'s calculations on how far its prices are below European levels until we have joined the Market and it has had a chance to study the private, cut-price deals between big European steel producers and their customers.

Meanwhile, the corporation hopes that the present world over-supply of steel will turn into a shortage by, say, the autumn of next year, and that

that will help produce a marked improvement in its results.

Whatever British Steel's future—which looks murky at best—the tragedy is that the most attractive commercial solutions to its many problems are likely to land it in major political controversies. Foreign partnerships, plants in Australia or South Africa, plus a major rundown of its labour force in Britain seem a sure recipe for some major parliamentary rows.

This article appeared in those copies of the Sunday Telegraph which were printed last week.

Japanese must either behave themselves or be made to do so

Japanese steel arriving on their market. Although he does not believe that the Japanese have so far been guilty of dumping except in isolated cases (a point of view Lord Melchett does not share) he is certain that successfully facing up to a Japanese life and death issue for the whole European industry.

"We must work in concert to pick off the Japs," he said, "otherwise they will pick off Europe at their ease." He adds that we cannot allow our basic industries to be "cut-throat anarchy" and that if it is necessary to use unpleasant weapons to prevent that happening, then they must be used.

In other words either the Japanese must behave themselves by means of a self-denying ordinance on quotas and prices—or they must be made to do so.

Fininvest insists that this does not imply a cartel of the sort which has in the past been used to shield small numbers of large producers. It certainly involves "prescribing the rules of competition" and joint discussions on major new investment projects.

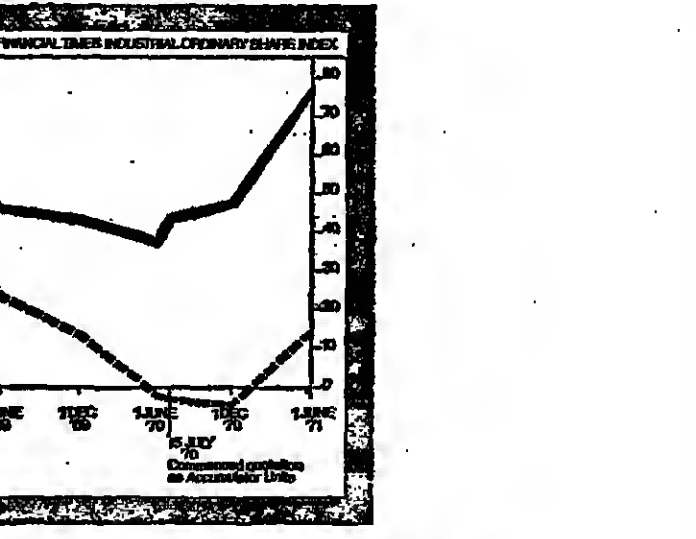
Here, at least, Fininvest and the politicians are at one: if the Japanese start trying to switch large quantities of steel from the United States to Europe, they must be strongly resisted—through the European Economic Commission.

So, as the steel corporation prepares to sink exhausted into Europe, it is all too conscious that the road ahead will be long and hard. It is slightly better pleased with the politicians than it was—John Davies is described as being "bloody good with the troops" though there is still resentment against what is felt to be undue interference from civil servants who, it is held, are not always as political as they should be. Getting these gentlemen off their backs is another powerful incentive for the B.S.C.'s bosses to move into profit.

On the other hand, they need not expect an easy ride from Ministers if they contemplate further substantial price rises—and Melchett talks of the possibility of a swingeing 22 per cent increase in 1972 if the B.S.C.'s results continue to look sick.

He complains rather plaintively that the Europeans cannot understand why the B.S.C.

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Tax Planning article

As a result of last week's trouble the Tax Planning article will have been missed by most of our readers. Those wishing to have a copy of the article should send a stamped, addressed envelope to The Sunday Telegraph City Office, 112, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.4.

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Points from the Statement by Viscount Leathers, Chairman of Wm. Cory & Son, Limited, included in Report presented to 76th annual general meeting, held at Cory Buildings, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C.3, on 18 September, 1971.

Net profit attributable to members up from £2,104,000 to £2,568,000.

Dividend increased from 13½% to 16%.

Position maintained in solid fuel; substantial increase in oil tonnages distributed.

Two 51,000 dwt bulk carriers ordered for long-term charter already fixed. Towage position maintained in United Kingdom and operations with partners started in Canada.

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Viscount Leathers announced at the meeting that contracts had been exchanged for the sale of Cory Buildings at a figure in excess of £5m.

Wm. Cory & Son, Ltd.

For copies of full report please write to:
The Secretary, Wm. Cory & Son, Limited, Cory Buildings,
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FINANCE FOR WOMEN

MY face may not quite be my fortune. But a substantial amount of my money seems to be invested in it one way and another.

What with major structural improvements on, for example, my teeth, and the general running costs of lotions, potions, treatments and visits to the health farm, a sizeable part of my capital has been sunk—some might say without trace—in my appearance. It struck me recently that I ought therefore to have this asset insured.

Insurance men were initially flabbergasted by my inquiries on the subject. Yet for a woman to insure her looks is not really so frivolous as all that. In spite of female emancipation, a woman's economic circumstances can still be considerably affected by what she looks like.

The blow to a girl's marriage prospects dealt by disfigurement in an accident can still be valued in money terms by the law courts. At the same time the jobs which women do tend to be ones where personal appearance is more important than it generally is for men. Disfigurement could seriously hamper a career as a secretary or receptionist, for example.

It would seem therefore sensible for a woman to insure that she has the means to repair any damage to this valuable asset and has some compensation if it is damaged beyond repair in circumstances where legal compensation does not apply—as the result of assault or a bomb explosion for example.

The second of these two requirements is the most difficult to arrange. The problem

Putting premium on your looks

being of course the difficulty of assessing what degree of disfigurement merits compensation. A scar which might ruin the confidence of a sensitive teenager could seem fairly trivial to an insurance company.

People I spoke to at Lloyd's were surprised, if not intrigued by the idea of ordinary women attempting to insure their looks. They agreed, however, that it should be possible. If a conclusion can be reached on what constitutes loss of looks to a film star the same principles should

apply to everyone else even if the sort of looks under review are in a rather different bracket. The high prices which film stars tend to put on their legs and so on, would not, however, be allowed to the rest of us. It was suggested that £25,000 would be a reasonable value for me to put on my face. The principle is, a broker explained, that "We are not in business for people to be better off after an awful event than they were before."

In principle too, the sum in-

sured should be related in some way to loss of earnings resulting from the disaster. This is the other big problem about insuring the appearance of women whose careers are not pursued in the public eye. The individual arrangements for which Lloyd's are world famous should enable agencies to be reached on a reasonable sum, however.

Insuring the famous against disfigurement of various parts of their bodies is usually arranged by Lloyd's through endorsements—such as the Scarred Face

insurance policy such as those issued by the British United Provident Association. B.U.P.A.'s schemes would be an expensive way, however, of insuring just one's appearance alone, since their objective is to enable victims of any form of illness or accident to afford private medical treatment, and the premiums are correspondingly high. Such insurance is, of course, an excellent idea, for many people. But if your primary concern is being able to repair your looks then a general accident policy with cover for medical expenses is far cheaper. For my money an additional premium of say £500 on top of a basic premium of £8-per-£1,000 is a small price to pay to be sure of £1,000 worth of professional attention to my face should it suffer a disaster. And, of course, there is the ordinary accident cover as well.

Maybe I am exceptionally vain. But if I had to choose I would prefer to insure my face any day than my record player and miscellaneous household effects.

BY EMMA EVANS

Endorsement—on the normal General Accident policies.

The cost of such an endorsement naturally varies considerably from case to case. It could average around 40p or 50p per £100 assured.

A General Accident policy arranged at Lloyd's will normally be much the same as the policies issued by the ordinary insurance companies. The normal premium they quote for this kind of insurance is around 50p per £100 assured if you are leading a normally risk-free life as a housewife or secretary, for example.

Compensation is paid for specified losses of hands, fingers, eyes, and so on. Loss of a thumb for example is covered for 25 p.c. of the total sum assured or £500 if the sum assured is £2,000—the minimum taken on by most companies.

At the same time the policy covers you for loss of earnings resulting from the accident at a rate of £10 per week for each £1,000 assured for periods up to two years. Disfigurement will not normally be taken into consideration here unless the profession concerned is one where appearance is incontrovertibly a vital factor.

It is unlikely, for example, that disfigurement would be accepted as ruining a woman's career in Public Relations, but an actress or model would be covered for lost earnings if they suffered a similar disaster. They have to pay higher premiums for this, though, with 50p or 60p per £100 assured being usual.

The best course for other women to pursue if they want to protect their looks, is to pay an additional premium of 15p per £100 assured for medical expenses. This would enable the victim of an accident to get the best possible cosmetic surgery, for example. The principle—the insurance companies follow—is to allow expenses necessary to restore the victim to, as far as possible, her previous state.

Another approach to the problem is through a medical

WOMEN ABOUT THE CITY—No. 35



If Sandra McLean breathed a word of some of the things she gets to know about the City she could cause a minor crisis. A vital qualification for her job as secretary to Stanley Gale, managing director of Shareholder Relations Ltd., is the ability to keep a secret. She is in on some of the most confidential and influential information to come from top industrial companies. Sandra is 24 years old, married and lives at Ilford, Essex. When she gets home she forgets her secrets and enjoys a game of tennis.

R. & J. Pullman, Limited

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Record profit, increased dividend and Scrip issue

The annual general meeting was held on 17th September, 1971, at the R. & J. Pullman House, 31 Gower Street, London WC1E 6JR. The Chairman, Mr. W. Lee, reported that the profit after taxation of £222,868 comfortably exceeded the forecast.

With regard to the current financial year I am happy to report increased trading, full order books, and good man in all sections. I am confident that we will at least make the 80% dividend for the year to 31st March 1972 on capital as increased by the 1-for-5 Scrip Issue.

Four years of continuous growth

Year to 31st March	Turnover	Pre-tax profit	Dividend
1968	£832,000	£26,000	33%
1969†	£1,325,000	£114,000	40%
1970†	£1,515,000	£136,000	50%
1971†	£3,178,000	£384,000	80%
1972†	£4,100,000	£450,000	

† Figures adjusted on an estimated annual basis. ‡ Forecast

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, Pullman House, 31 Gower Street, London WC1E 6JR.

THE STEEL GROUP LIMITED

CRANE & EXCAVATOR MANUFACTURERS AND ENGINEERS

RECORD TURNOVER & PROFITS

REVIEW BY MR. A. G. HOWE

The Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting of The Steel Group Limited was held on September 23rd at Sunderland. The following are extracts from the review by the Chairman Mr. A. G. Howe.

TRADING RESULTS

The profit earned in the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1971, amounted to £3,352,103, again the highest in its history and compared with its earnings of £2,165,505 in 1969/70.

This arose from a very substantial increase in turnover, progressive product rationalisation and a marked improvement in the overall achievement of Coles Cranes in the United Kingdom and of your Company's overseas subsidiaries.

The year was one of considerable opportunity, in which a significant number of large contracts, secured against formidable competition, were worked to full advantage.

TAXATION

Taxes on earnings and on internal distributions amounted to £1,424,063—a charge of 42½%. The decrease in the impact of the charge for 1970/71 also arose principally from the reduction in the rate of United Kingdom Corporation Tax coupled with the offset against the profit of Coles Cranes of earlier losses brought forward.

DIVIDEND

In my Review of the Accounts for 1967/68 I referred to your Directors' opinion that because of the historical swings which had attended manufacture and profitability in the capital goods market 'a measure of dividend equalisation or near equalisation' was warranted.

Notwithstanding this philosophy, which is still pertinent, and in view of the amount of the profit earned in the year, your Directors now recommend that a Final Dividend of 15% should be paid on the Ordinary Share Capital which, with the Interim Dividend of 12½%, will make a total of 27½%. This distribution will compare with last year's total Dividend of 22½%.

SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES

No changes occurred in the Share Capital of your Company which remained at £3,474,125 but capital and revenue reserves increased from £5,950,289 to £7,075,135.

TURNOVER AND EXPORTS

The Group Turnover increased from £26,266,960 in 1969/70 to £37,698,302 in the year. The value of exports from the United Kingdom rose from £3,018,053 to £15,479,545 and represented 49% of your Company's business carried out from the United Kingdom.

The drive towards a greater share of business in the United Kingdom and a greater export content of total turnover will continue to consolidate and enlarge further your Company's international trading position and market strength.

CURRENT TRADING AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Presently the Group's order books are somewhat lower than at this time last year, partly as the result of the rate of production which was set up to overcome lengthening delivery schedules and partly because of a slackening in the input of orders recently, which your Directors believe will be of a short duration. Nevertheless, this will result in a temporary reduction in output from its present rate until the situation is adjusted.

Overall business in negotiation and prospects continue to be substantial and a satisfactory proportion of it should be secured on acceptable terms. Profit for the first half of the current financial year should be marginally above that of the comparable period last year. Profit in the second half is not so predictable but if the contracts now in negotiation and other prospective business are concluded successfully another worthwhile trading result should be achieved for the year as a whole.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The British Electric Traction Company, Limited

Record Profits and Dividend

	Year to 31st March 1971	1970
Profit before taxation	£19,036,000	£18,074,000
Profit after taxation and minority interests	£ 9,032,000	£ 8,178,000
Deferred Ordinary Dividend	£ 6,187,000	£ 5,581,000
Rate of Deferred Ordinary Dividend	20%	18½%
Cover for Deferred Ordinary Dividend	1.4	1.4

It is my personal view that our profit for the current year, after tax and minority interests, should exceed £10,000,000."

Sir John Spencer Wille (Chairman)



The Group's interests include:

Relay and T.V. rental; joinery, steel construction and builders' supplies; laundries and linen supply; mining and metal reclamation; plant hire; road transport; printing and publishing; entertainment; films and television; general investments.

Copies of the Accounts, containing the Chairman's Review, can be obtained from The Secretary (STH), Stratton House, Piccadilly, London W1X 6AS.

Land Securities

Profit and dividend forecasts exceeded; continued growth ahead

RECORD RESULTS

The Land Securities Group results for the year ended 31st March 1971 were again a record with net income up from £4.7m to £6.8m—some £1.2m ahead of the forecast made in October 1970. Total dividend for the year has been increased from 7¼% to 8¼%.

A further rise in the net asset value per ordinary share from 154p to 191p (allowing for the exercise of outstanding conversion rights) reflects the substantial increase in the market value of the Group's properties as established by Messrs. Knight Frank & Rutley.

Construction work on West End and City of London developments is going ahead satisfactorily and letting negotiations on a major City office block are well advanced. In suburban London, the provinces, Wales and Scotland there has been continued progress at all stages of redevelopment—planning, construction and letting.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

In the absence of unforeseen circumstances and assuming Corporation Tax remains at 40%, it is expected that the results for the current year will allow for a small increase in dividend.

As stated last year, over the longer term the Directors are confident of a progressive and, in due course, substantial increase in the amounts available for distribution, and a continued rise in additional rental income accruing from properties completed and let at 31st March 1971—excluding all properties held for, or in course of, redevelopment—is confirmed in an analysis prepared by Messrs. Knight Frank & Rutley in conjunction with their valuation of properties.

If you would like a copy of the Report and Accounts for the year to 31st March, 1971, please write to the Secretary,

THE LAND SECURITIES INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED
Devonshire House, Piccadilly, London W1X 6BT.

Could I lose my daughter's children?

Q—My divorced daughter has been seriously ill for some time and is not expected to live. Her former husband, whom she divorced for cruelty, is now threatening to take away my grand-children, saying that he is the only person entitled to look after them. I am convinced that this will be disastrous for the children but have been told that I can do nothing to prevent my former son-in-law exercising his "common law" rights. Is this correct?

A—If one parent dies the other is normally entitled to the custody of the children unless the court declares the surviving parent to be unfit for this purpose. You can apply for such an order to be made against your former son-in-law and if the court comes to the conclusion that he is not a fit person to take care of his children you can apply for custody yourself.

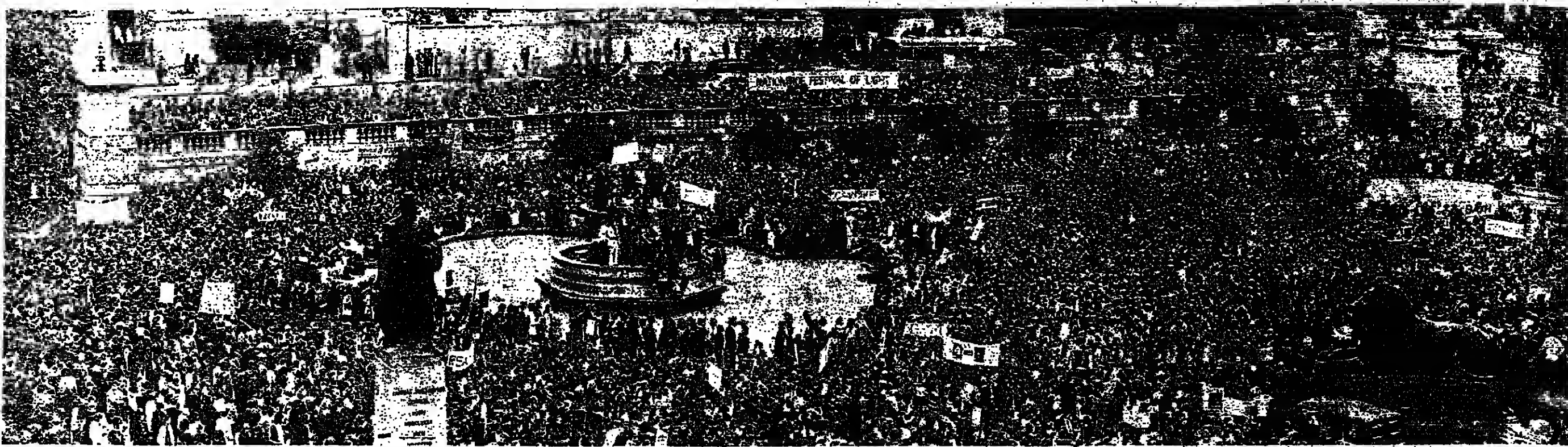
Q—After fighting a losing battle to keep our rambling Victorian house clean in face of the determined assaults of my large, teenage family, I have decided to make life easier by employing a daily help. The lady I have in mind, though an old age pensioner, is extremely fit and I am worried that when my family grow up in a few years time and I no longer need help at home my daily help will refuse to go quietly and demand a redundancy payment. Is this likely?

A—If your daily reaches the age of 60 while employed by you you need have no fear, for women over the age of 60 and above 65 are not entitled to redundancy payments even though their jobs disappear, as you contemplate.

Q—My husband dismissed his secretary last week because of her incompetence. She has since written me a most abusive letter accusing me of poisoning my husband against her. I sent the letter back in disgust but have since decided that she should be taught a lesson and would like to sue her for libel. What are my chances?

A—Nil. Although the contents of the letter are certainly libellous you cannot sue unless the letter was seen by some third party.

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH cannot accept legal responsibility for the answers given.



China unrest 'is internal'

By A. E. CULLISON in Tokyo

PEKING has ordered a military alert because of internal troubles rather than due to any threat from Russia's massing of forces along the north-west frontier, according to Japanese sources.

In Tokyo it is reported that the cancellation of China's traditional October 1 National Day parade and the confinement of troops to their barracks along Sino-Soviet borders are because of the uncertainty over the succession of Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

There were rumours that Lin Biao the vice-chairman who is the recognised successor to Mao, is seriously ill or already dead. This was why, according to Japanese sources, Peking has been hinting of the reinforcement of troops by Russia on the Chinese border.

However, the Japanese have not been able to dispute completely reports that Peking has been instructing missions overseas to prepare for war with Russia.

Russia fortifies

Over the past two days there have been rumours in Tokyo that the Chinese have strengthened military units massing along the north-west frontier since May. American intelligence advice reaching Tokyo speaks of the movement of at least five, and possibly 10, new armoured divisions into the frontier area.

Most Japanese officials usually informed of Chinese developments are willing to concede that it is not impossible that Russia stands ready to launch a pre-emptive strike against China, but that it is highly improbable at this time. They are more convinced that the developments in China are due to the serious illness of Lin Biao.

Recovery unlikely

Japanese informants said yesterday that Lin Biao is not expected to recover from his illness. As a result the succession to Chairman Mao is in doubt. It is this which is leading to the power struggle in China.

Reports of troop alerts, air

Gaol for radio 'traitors'

By CLARE HOLLINGWORTH Hongkong

A PURGE to rid China of "counter-revolutionaries and class enemies" who have been listening to Radio Hongkong in Chinese has begun in the adjacent province of Kwan Tung.

Chinese businessmen returning yesterday from Canton said that the latest move of Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister in Peking, was to issue an order that the application of the law which forbids news entering China from tainted foreign sources be reimposed immediately and rigorously.

Apparently during the past few months many families living near the border with Hongkong had developed the habit of listening to Radio Hongkong and even obtaining smuggled newspapers.

Police have already rounded up thousands of these "traitors" who have been bricked tried by court-martials and sentenced to from ten to 15 years' hard labour.

445 MOVE OUT Men and women suspected of attempting to leave China and escape to Hongkong have also been rounded up and given similar sentences. But 445 have been ordered to leave China illegally, during the past week.

Yesterday road blocks were set up on all the roads leading out of Canton towards the Hongkong frontier to prevent people reaching the border area except by train.

A similar purge to that now taking place in the Kwan Tung province is reported to be in progress along the inhabited sectors of the Sino-Soviet frontier. This may well have given rise to the rumours which are strongly denied in Hongkong of troop movements there.

For the moment Chou En-lai seems to be ahead of his rivals in the fight for power in Peking and the succession to Chairman Mao.

The ultimate outcome is still most uncertain. Chairman Mao may or may not be ill but every one now agrees that he is alive.

THE SCENE in Trafalgar Square yesterday as thousands moved in for the Festival of Light rally. Later the crowd marched to Hyde Park to sing Christian pop numbers and listen to speeches.

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SILENT MAJORITY

not much more than politeness to the rather turgid "proclamation" which were read out, and which were to be delivered at Downing Street, the B.B.C. and the I.T.A. tomorrow in the name of this gathering.

These called for a stricter censorship, a curb on sex education, "effective control" of broadcast and film and the interests of decency and purity. They said a few hard words about the newspapers and prodded the Churches into more positive attitudes on moral questions.

What the young crowd seemed chiefly interested in, however, was making a resounding shout for "J-E-S-U-S" and reinforcing it with full-throated singing (which broke out every few minutes, sometimes according to the programme and sometimes in addition to it).

Smoke bomb

The banners asserted their unabashed enthusiasm. "Jesus the Light of the World," said one; "Morality is Sanity," said another; "Jesus Christ, the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever," said yet another. There were hundreds of them. They faced across Trafalgar Square in solid ranks—down towards the newspapers and beneath the effigy of that much-honoured adulterer, Lord Nelson.

In their zeal to do battle with evil they would probably have been a shade disappointed if there had been no opposition at all. Opposition duly appeared when a few smoke-bombs were tossed into the throng by ungodly demonstrators on the fringe.

It appeared more aggressively in the form of a derisive procession at the end of the procession, a young troupe led by a mock-Christ, carrying a cross paraded round the square. The group bore banners with such strange devices as "Let Copulation Thrive." They also carried a casket labelled "Coffin of Liberty," preceded by a group of girls in school uniform roped together.

Vast cheer

Except for the difference in the wording of their banners, those who were demonstrating for Light and those who were demonstrating against it were more or less indistinguishable, all young, and all enjoying the occasion.

"I pray with all my heart that this may be the beginning of a continuing process of moral and

spiritual regeneration," cried Malcolm Muggeridge.

The vast cheer that greeted his words must have persuaded some, at least, that his prayer might well be answered. Beaming his grandfatherly approval from the back of the phinix was (inevitably) Lord Longford; and it was curious to hear from him, of all people, the counterbalancing words of caution.

"It is a great occasion indeed," he murmured. "But this battle won't, I fear, be won in a day."

It was plainly not the thought which was uppermost in the minds of the exuberant crowd which then set off to march through the streets of the sinful city to sing in Hyde Park.

Malcolm Muggeridge: Two views of the anti-permissives—P.26.

28 ARRESTS

Twenty-eight people were arrested during and after the Festival of Light. Many of them are expected to appear in court tomorrow. Charges include insulting behaviour, possessing drugs and obstructing the police.

Hopes rise for mini-railway

Sunday Telegraph Reporter

The world's smallest public railway may be saved from being sold and broken up. A crowd of 200 met at Hythe Town Hall last night to discuss the future of the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Light railway.

The owners of the 13-mile line have agreed to sell it for £105,000, a quarter below the value. A consortium of 16 people led by Mr. Bill McAlpine have raised £84,000 but £21,000 must be found by October 31.

If this happens, the line is likely to be run as a non-profit organisation by preservationists. At present 500,000 passengers travel on it annually and this figure is rising by 2½ per cent a year.

Members fight club takeover

Sunday Telegraph Reporter

An attempt by the management of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra to reorganise the R.P.O. Club, which supports the orchestra's activities, is angering club members who say they have not been fully consulted.

Ten club members have called an extraordinary general meeting for Oct. 7 at which the orchestra's management is expected to be attacked over its plans for a club takeover.

Dr. Stuart Sanders, vice-chairman, will propose that the R.P.O. Club should be terminated and that its title and management should pass to a committee to be formed by the board and management of the orchestra.

Today's Weather

Midnight forecast

GENERAL SUMMARY: A depression off W. Scotland will move N. and a trough of low pressure will advance slowly N.E. over the British Isles.

LOWERS: Cloudy with occasional rain. Wind S.E. to S. light or moderate. 65F. (17C).

S.E. E. & N.E. ENGLAND, E. ANGLES: Cloudy with occasional rain. Wind S.E. light or moderate. 61F. (16C).

CEN. S. & N.W. ENGLAND, W. MIDLANDS, CHANNEL IS., LAKE DIST.: Cloudy with some rain. Wind S.E. light or moderate. 61F. (16C).

S. & W. ENGLAND, WALES, ISLE OF MAN: S. W. SCOTLAND, GLASGOW, CEN. HIGHLANDS, ARGYLL: Cloudy with some rain at first. Brighter later. Wind S. to S.W. light or moderate. 59F. (15C).

SCOTLAND: Sunny intervals, cloudy later. Wind S.E. moderate. 55F. (13C).

N. IRELAND: Showers and sunny intervals. Wind S.E. veering S.W. light or moderate. 59F. (15C).

OUTLOOK: Showers and sunny periods.

Lighting-up time 7.21 p.m. to 8.21 a.m. Sun rises 6.23 a.m., sets 6.21 p.m. Moon rises 2.58 a.m., sets 2.27 p.m. High water at London

We're not spies, says bank chief

Sunday Telegraph Reporter

MR. NIKOLAI NIKITKIN, chairman of the Moscow Narodny Bank, last night strongly denied that any of the employees of his bank had been spying in Britain. "My bank is a financial and commercial organisation and has nothing to do with spying," he said.

"If the British want to reduce the number of Russians here they should do it through diplomatic channels. They should not use such accusations, because we are not spies."

Mr. Nikitkin, speaking at his Highgate home, said he had not been told if he was one of the Russians to be expelled from Britain. There were 250 English staff and nine Russians, all men, employed at his bank in London.

Any English staff at the bank know no Russian well and they know too that all this is stupid. I don't know if any of my staff are to be sent home but I believe none will, because they have done nothing wrong."

"NOT AVAILABLE"

Mr. Nikitkin's home is in the heart of the Holly Lodge Estate, where several Russian officials live. Another Soviet official, from the Russian Wood Agency, said that none of the 12 Russians employed there had been told that they were being sent home.

Most members of the staff at the Soviet Embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens took the weekend off as usual.

Callers at the tall, yellow-brick Edwardian building, No. 13, were told: "Call back on Monday. Everyone is away. We don't work at the weekend."

One man said to be working inside the building was Mr. Ivan Ippolitov, the Soviet Charge d'Affaires. At his home at Elmwood Park, a woman said: "Mr. Ippolitov will not be back for a long time. He is at the Embassy."

A Second Secretary at the Embassy answered Mr. Ippolitov's telephone and said: "I am sorry. Mr. Ippolitov is not available. No one is available. Why don't you call on Monday?"

NAMES UNCONFIRMED

Inquiries at the Soviet Trade Delegation offices in Highgate West Hill elicited the reply: "There is no one here until Monday." Men who arrived to install washing machines were kept waiting at locked gates.

Later they were turned away by an official.

Reports that two of the men whose names were on the expulsion list were Mr. Victor Ivanov, head of the Trade Delegation, and one of his deputies, Mr. German L. Sakulin, were unconfirmed last night.

FLIGHT FULL

The Russian airline Aeroflot's flight from Heathrow to Moscow on Monday morning is fully booked. All 140 seats—including 20 first-class—are reserved. This gave rise to rumours that the export diplomats would be on the flight.

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British girl

love with a British girl. Mr. Vsevolod Nadezhdin, a United Nations official, defected to Britain in December, 1969, after a romance with his secretary, Miss Monica Giblin.

Mr. Nadezhdin had a family in Russia and he later changed his mind and decided to return to Russia when his daughter was sent to London to appeal to him.

Miss Giblin's brother, Patrick, said then that Russia had used every pressure to persuade Mr. Nadezhdin to go home. The Russians had been prepared to rush through a divorce for Mr. Nadezhdin from his Russian wife so that he could marry Miss Giblin and take her to Russia with him.

British were

Sunday Telegraph

Dr. William S. director of the Corporation's chief division, "It is a fact that had a glimpse of the general similarity."

"I think it is," had some knowledge of the general's appearance, their knowledge of an early stage, tail the two evolved separately.

Dr. Stanley Royce, said the jet industry was of British origin have copies of British aircraft. Copy the VC-10, Tride One-Eleven, and remarkably similar. The TU-144 engi though."

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By Our Staff in Wash

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TV today

B.B.C.1

9.30 a.m. Nai Zindagi, Naya Jeevan, 10.30-11.30, Service from the Mid Kirk of Greenock.

1.25-1.50, Farmlog.

2.20, Made in Britain. 2.28, News: Yesterday's Witness — The Lifeboat that Wouldn't Give Up. rpt. from B.B.C.2.

3.0, Basil Brush. 3.20, Laurel & Hardy. 3.55, "Oh Mr. Porter" (1937 U film).

The Incomparable Will Hay at his tetchy best in a durable farce whose title speaks for itself, titled by the indispensable Moore Marriott and Graham Mordaunt.

5.15, "The Silver Sword" (serial). 5.40, Wildlife Safari to Ethiopia. 6, The High Simien.

6.5, News. 6.15, A Chance to Meet (series). Malcolm Muggeridge. 6.55, Songs of Praise from The Barbours, Coverack, Cornwall.

7.25, Morecambe & Wise. Show...

8.10, Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream". Eileen Atkins, Ronnie Barker, Lynn Redgrave, Robert Stephens.

10.10, News. 10.20, Omnibus — The Young Platform (young people & music).

11.5, She & She: Morecambe & Wise. 12.15, Weather.

* Not Colour.

B.B.C.2

10.35 a.m. 10.45, Open University — Social Sciences: Science, Mathematics: Open Forum.

7, News Review. 7.55, Music on 2 — Counterpoint (Music Now).

8.10, The World About Us — Song of the Sirens.

9, Rowan & Martin. 9.45, For the Nation (series) — Gainsborough's "Mr. & Mrs. Robert Andrews".

10, Cartoon. 10.10, "Eyeless in Gaza" (Aldous Huxley serial). 10.50, One Man's Week: Patrick Nottgens. 11.15, News.

* Not Colour.

I.T.A.

LONDON WEEKEND

10.35 a.m. Jobs in the House & Service. 11.30, News. 11.35, Stanwell Road Baptist Church, Peasmarsh, Cardiff. 12.5, Art for All. 12.30, News. 1.30, Service from St. Mary's, London.

1.25, The Big Match: Charlton v. Burnley.

3.15, "The Siege at Red River" (1964 U film).

Lively Civil War Western in which Vero Johnson takes off on a secret mission to rub a Yankee traitor's nose in the mud. With heroine and Richard Boone look at the opposition.

4.45, Golden Shot.

5.35, The Flaxton Boys.

6.5, News. 6.15, Seven Days. 6.55, Appeal.

7, Stars on Sunday. 7.25, On the Brave" (1965 U film).

Frank Sinatra both stars in and directs this heavily earnest plea for